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## Rabin to address Montreal GA

**JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has accepted an invitation to speak at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, being held in Montreal Nov. 16-21, sources here say.**

**According to Israel's embassy in Ottawa, Rabin "has agreed in principle" to give the keynote address at the GA.**

**And Israeli officials are exploring the possibility with their U.S. counterparts of a White House meeting in November between Rabin and President Bill Clinton.**

**Rabin would consider coming to Washington before or after an address he is planning to deliver to the GA in Montreal, depending on Clinton's schedule. Rabin is also likely to meet Canadian political leaders.**

**Children of West Bank settlers protest the Israeli government's handling of the peace process [IPPA photo]**

# Israel, PLO talk peace

**JERUSALEM (JPFS and JTA) —** As *The CJN* went to press Monday afternoon, Israel's cabinet was debating an historic breakthrough in Middle East peace negotiations, one that would allow Palestinians self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho as a first step towards granting them autonomy in the rest of the territories.

In turn, the PLO would formally renounce terrorism as a means of accomplishing its goals and rescind articles in the Palestine National Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel.

The cabinet's approval of the understandings with the PLO would pave the way for the signing of an agreement, perhaps as early as this week, between the Israeli and Palestinian delegations to the peace talks in Washington on what has come to be known as the "Gaza/Jericho first" plan. If this stage is reached, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres plans to fly to the U.S. to take part in the signing ceremony.

Many of the details of the agreement must still be worked out, and this was expected to be the focus of what could be difficult negotiations between the Israeli and Palestinian delegations to the bilateral peace talks, which were scheduled to resume in Washington this week.

But in an indication that serious progress toward reaching an agreement had already been made, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres flew to California for a surprise meeting last Friday with U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher.

Peres himself apparently played a key personal role in working out the understanding with the Palestinians. Although the foreign minister denies it, he is reported by four Israeli newspapers to have met with a senior PLO official in Stockholm on Aug. 20, during a trip to Scandinavia.

Several other highly placed members of the Israeli government have met recently with PLO representatives, despite Jerusalem's official policy that it will not negotiate with the Tunis-based organization.

Peres was believed to have explained to Christopher the nature of the direct contacts between Israel and the PLO, since U.S. policy still bars direct contacts with the PLO.

The United States was believed to have given its full blessing to the latest developments.

The document of understanding with the Palestinians is an interim agreement concerning self-rule for the residents of the Gaza district and Jericho for a period of five years from the time it is signed.

Cabinet members described the agreement as a "breakthrough," a "turning point," and the "threshold of a new era." Several ministers praised the fact that the PLO has been recognized as a vital partner in the peace process.

But the proposal also drew some strong negative reactions.

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# Extremists seen threat to self-rule scheme

**By LEORA FRUCHT**

**TEL AVIV** — Both Palestinian and Jewish extremists will try to torpedo the Gaza-Jericho self-rule scheme via terrorist attacks, says Joseph Alpher, director of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University.

While Palestinian rejectionists constitute by far the "main threat" to security, Alpher told *The Canadian Jewish News* that "Jewish extremism is also a very realistic threat."

"The Jewish settlers in the territories understand correctly that the process now underway is leading to the evolution of a Palestinian state," said Alpher, an expert on security and strategic issues. "In that situation they will no longer be able to say that they are living where they are living for the sake of the security of the state of Israel. That could lead to violence, — beginning as early as now.

"We're talking about a hard core of some 10,000 settlers who might resort to violence," he added. "It is not enough to lead to a civil war, but it could bring the country to the brink of a crisis."

Alpher noted that the declaraton of principles between Israel and the Palestinians is sure to include a Palestinian pledge to end violence. But members of the various Palestinian rejectionist fronts, including Islamic extremists, would continue launching terrorist attacks. "This will test the mainstream PLO's ability to deliver on its pledge.

"The PLO is capable of suppressing Palestinian violence and maintaining security — if its leaders are truly committed to that goal," he asserted. The imposition of order in the Gaza Strip by a PLO-linked security force is likely to be brutal and violent, but effective, he said, adding, "Amnesty International will have to take a vacation for a while."

Alpher maintained that there are not enough properly trained Palestinians in the territories to maintain security and that the PLO would have to bring such staff from Tunis. "Not only should Israel not object to this," said Alpher, "but we should insist on it."

If the PLO proves incapable of maintaining order, Israel would have to bring its army back to areas under Palestinian self-rule, he said. "If, in the worst case scenario Gaza becomes a second Beirut with the violence spilling over into Israel, there is no question that the Israel Defence Forces would move in. No Israeli government could tolerate such a situation."

Even if the IDF withdraws from the Gaza Strip and Jericho, Israeli security forces would work closely with their Palestinian counterparts to keep order, said Alpher. "The agreement will involve an overt liaison between them and us on security matters. Without that, it just won't work."

The Tel Aviv University expert said that the arrival of Palestinian administrative and security personnel from abroad would not constitute a precedent for the return of millions of Palestinian refugees. "The broader refugee issue must be postponed until negotiations over a final settlement begin. If the Palestinians insist on dealing with this issue now it would be very disruptive. So far, they have not raised it."

But Alpher added that under the Camp David accords, some 300,000 displaced Palestinians with special status could be allowed to return during the autonomy phase. These Palestinians, most of whom are now in Jordan, left the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1967. "It is reasonable to assume that even in the narrowest Israeli interpretation of autonomy these Palestinians will be allowed to return not only to Jericho or the Gaza Strip but to any place slated to be under eventual Palestinian self-rule," he said.

Alpher added that it is only through the explicit agreement of top PLO officials that such issues as the refugee problem and the status of Jerusalem have been removed from the Palestinian agenda at this stage. "They are the only ones that have the authority to make such decisions. It is clear where we're headed: Someone like Nabil Sha'ath (a top PLO official and advisor of Yasser Arafat's) is going to sit at the table and sign the autonmomy agreement and eventually, the final settlement."

# Israelis split on plan: poll

**JERUSALEM** — Fifty-three percent of Jewish Israelis support the Gaza-Jericho autonomy plan, according to a public opinion poll conducted by the Dahaf Research Institute on Sunday. Forty-five percent of those interviewed opposed the scheme, while 2 percent were undecided. Dahaf director Dr. Mina Zemach noted that there was little correspondence between the opinion expressed by the interviewees and the political party they support. For instance, 29 percent of those who back the Labor party opposed the Gaza-Jericho scheme worked out by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. On the other hand, 30 percent of Likud voters and 40 percent of the supporters of the right-wing Tsomet party favor the autonomy plan. The survey, which included only Jewish Israelis, has a margin of error of four percent.

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## Canada

# Two students join feminist program

By FRANCES KRAFT

Natalie Blitt

**TORONTO** — Two Canadian students became part of an international network of young Jewish feminists when they participated in the second annual Kol Ishah (Woman's Voice) Summer Seminar for the Advancement of Jewish Women's Leadership.

The program was run by the World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS) in Israel for three and a half weeks in July.

Natalie Blitt, 20, a native Torontonian who is studying English literature and women's studies at McGill University in Montreal, was "shocked" to learn of the dearth of strong women's organizations in places such as Latin American and the former Soviet Union.

"We're really lucky in Canada," she told *The CJN* during a recent interview at Network Canada's national office in Toronto. (Network, with which Blitt is affiliated, is the Canadian arm of WUJS.)

Even in Canada, Blitt said, she has faced negative stereotyping of feminists. "I was getting tired of it. I was looking forward to [Kol Ishah]... and not having to fight those same battles."

Susan Sapiro, the new (and first) Jewish Student Union' women's officer at University of Toronto, was also on Kol Ishah.

For Blitt, the opportunity to learn and share with her counterparts from around the world was "an incredible experience." She stresses that, although the women had shared interests and concerns, "we weren't all clones of each other."

Nor are their communities similar. "In Rio they're still trying to set up a Jewish group on campus. Forget about Rosh Chodesh services there."

In Russia the main concern is Jewish continuity. "One of the things they want to do is make sure women come into the tradition of Judaism," said Blitt. She was impressed by the strong Jewish identity of the Russian and Latin American Kol Ishah participants, who spoke Hebrew fluently, she said.

The word "feminism" was a point of contention among the participants. "We all believe in the same things," said Blitt, "but not everyone would agree on the terminology."

One of the Kol Ishah projects involved choosing an international program for participants to run concurrently in their respective countries. Although the formats will vary from one campus to another, some type of Jewish women's programming is being planned for the three-week period ending on International Women's Day (March 8).

Last year, Blitt co-founded the Jewish Women's Project, a grassroots organization that planned programs for Jewish women at McGill and Concordia. She has been involved with the Jewish community through B'nai Brith Youth Organization and NELFTY (North Eastern Lakes Federation of Temple Youth), and she hopes to plan a national conference for Jewish women students in 1994.

She would like to see more women included in programming that doesn't deal with women's issues per se, serving as role models for female students.

One of the highlights of Kol Ishah was a two-day internship Blitt did at the Israel Women's Network. Noting how the Network's priorities reflect her own interests, Blitt commented, "I found it incredible that all their feminist activities were Jewish activities."

"It was such a strengthening experience," says Blitt of Kol Ishah. "I grew personally, and I feel more equipped to do some of the [programming] I want to do. I want to share a lot of what I learned not only with Toronto or Montreal but with the entire country. Network has representatives on every campus."

# Hadassah projects aid youth

From left: Prof. Yaacov Rand; Milly Lande, representing the Abe & Sophie Bronfman Foundation; national Hadassah-WIZO president Esther Matlow; Dr. Reuven Feuerstein, director of the Hadassh-WIZO Canada Research Institute; Israeli president Ezer Weizman, Reuma Weizman.

**JERUSALEM** — Two of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's major educational projects in Israel were honored recently for their contributions to the youth of Israel.

National Hadassah-WIZO president Esther Matlow was on hand for the ceremonies which marked the events.

Hadassim, a residential educational centre first opened in 1947 for immigrant children orphaned during World War II, was chosen by the education ministry as the top secondary school in Israel. The 12 finalists were chosen from more than 2,500 secondary schools.

In addition to the school's 450 residents, Hadassim is a six-grade regional high school with an enrolment of 1,200 students.

The education ministry cited the success of the school's program to integrate low scholastic achievers with high achievers, and native-born Israelis with immigrants, in its decision to award Hadassim the top honor.

The citation noted that "an environment has been created at Hadassim in which the individual student is taught to take responsibility for his or her own actions. This approach requires the student to participate with the teacher in the learning experience, rather than simply follow a teacher's instructions."

School director Tzvika Levy thanked Canadian Hadassah-WIZO for its strong support over the years.

Another institution, the Hadassah-WIZO Canada Research Institute, has been sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO for 36 years.

The research centre is under the direction of Dr. Reuven Feuerstein, who pioneered his world-renowned teaching methods for mentally disabled children at the centre. The program is being taught at OISE in Toronto, and is being used in some British Columbia schools.

Feuerstein has been especially involved with Down's syndrome children. After being trained at the institute many are able to serve one day a week in the Israel Defence Forces. Hadassah-WIZO has also established a residential centre for institute graduates so they can live on their own under limited supervision.

Feuerstein has now established the Centre for the Enhancement of Learning Potential in Jerusalem, for which a new building was recently dedicated. The purchase of the building was assisted by the State of Israel, the municipality of Jerusalem and individual supporters.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is currently marking its 75th anniversary and will hold its convention in Israel Nov. 21 to Dec. 1.

# Holocaust memorial vandalized

**TORONTO** — Police at 32 Division are investigating the second incidence of vandalism at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Earl Bales Park in the last two months.

Last Wednesday, passersby noticed that four lights had been broken off their moorings and a park bench in the small plaza surrounding the monument had been turned over.

Damage is estimated at $1,500, Sharon Waddingham of North York's parks and recreation department told *The CJN*.

Vandals also damaged the nearby Barry Zuckerman Theatre in the park. Between 10 and 12 lights were smashed and two parking signs were broken, according to Waddingham.

Police are still looking into an incident at the monument a few weeks ago, in which several anti-Semitic and neo-Nazi slogans were scrawled on surfaces surroung the memorial.

The slogans included "Six Million Were Not Enough," "Rahowa" [the neo-Nazi battle cry for racial holy war] and several swastikas.

# Teen Connection gearing up

**TORONTO** — B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) is gearing up for another year of Teen Connection, its program for 12 and 13-year-olds which was reinstituted last winter after a year-long hiatus. Funding cuts forced BBYO to close down the program temporarily.

Teen Connection was designed to offer BBYO-type programming to Grade 7 and 8 students. Programming emphasizes social activities, but also includes cultural, community service and religious components.

BBYO, based in Toronto at the Jewish Community Centre's North Y branch, is an international organization for Jewish high school students divided into AZA (Aleph Zadik Aleph) for boys and BBG (B'nai Brith Girls) for girls.

Teen Connection 1993-94 will begin after the High Holy Days. Membership for one year is $35, or $60 for a two-year membership.

For further information call the BBYO office at 635-9411.

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# Parizeau makes commitment to protect minority rights

By DAVID LAZARUS

**MONTREAL** — The leader of the Parti Quebecois told representatives of the ethnic media here last week that a PQ-led government would include compulsory school courses in a "third language" so Quebecers could "profit from the remarkable richness" that immigrants bring to the province.

Jacques Parizeau was speaking to a group of about 25 newspaper, radio and television journalists in Montreal two days after a stormy PQ convention that eventually enshrined anglophone rights.

The PQ leader restated the party's commitment to protecting the rights of minorities during the 90-minute conference. Under a sovereign Quebec, he said everyone, regardless of their place of origin, would enjoy full and equal rights as citzens.

"It is fundamental to say this," said Parizeau. He called any form of racism or discrimination "morally repugnant."

Because of their backgrounds, immigrant Quebecers could help a sovereign province establish diplomatic offices abroad. He believes all Quebecers should be entitled to Canadian and Quebec citizenship, as well as a third passport from their country of origin (he acknowledged, however, that the Canadian government would also have to go along with the idea).

The PQ leader said the potential contributions of Quebec citizens from cultural communities towards building a country would be "irreplaceable" because of their unique "points of view, experience and perspectives."

Although Parizeau acknowledged that "we [the PQ] have never been popular" among cultural communities, the ethnic media on hand applauded him several times and a few even avowed their support for Quebec independence.

The PQ leader, for his part, asked of them only to present his party's case to their communities "as objectively as possible."

"The rest will follow," he said.

Responding to a question from Ghila Benesty Sroka, editor of *La Tribune Juive*, a local francophone Jewish quarterly magazine, Parizeau said he might consider dismantling the Ministry for Cultural Communities and Immigration (MCCI).

Benesty Sroka had said the MCCI contributes to the "ghettoization" of cultural communities.

"My first reflex would be to abolish all that," Parizeau said. He agreed that the ministry's continued existence would serve to highlight the "differences" between people instead of affirming their common identity as Quebecers.

Later, Benesty Sroka told *The CJN* another reason she would like to see the ministry abolished is to avoid having ethnic immigrants reflexively pointed towards the MCCI. "I want access to all government," she said.

# Jewish organizations back coalition opposing Le Gallou's racist message

**MONTREAL** — While acknowledging that little can probably be done to block the planned Sept. 22 visit to Montreal by Jean-Yves Le Gallou, a leading figure in France's extreme-right National Front Party (NFP) [*CJN*, August 26), Jewish organizations are throwing their support behind the coalition of anti-racism groups that will let the NFP know that its racist and anti-immigrant message is unwelcome in the province.

Last week, the Canadian Centre for Racism and Prejudice demanded that Mayor Jean Dore do what he can to keep Le Gallou from attending the Sept. 21-24 Congres Metropolis 93, an international conference for municipal politicans.

In press reports last week, Montreal Urban Community chair Michel Hamelin, who will also chair the conference, indicated that the city was powerless to prevent Le Gallou's visit since he is an elected municipal official. Le Gallou is the regional coucil chair for the NFP in Paris.

But an aide to Dore, Marie-Claude Rivet, said that the mayor would "look into the matter" and had not yet been fully informed about the situation.

"I don't know whether there is a legitimate way to prevent him from coming," acknowledged Michael Crelinsten, Quebec region director for Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC-Q). "But it provides an opportunity for cultural community leaders to express their dismay."

Crelinsten noted that CJC-Q has contacted the Montreal Hotel Association (MHA) over a planned public meeting at the Hotel Maritime being organized by the local NFP support group, the Cercle National des Francais a l'Etranger. Le Gallou is scheduled to speak at that meeting.

The Hotel Maritime backed out of allowing the Cercle to use its facilities, and the MHA subsequently sent out advisories to its member hotels, warning of the bad publicity that could result if facilities are furnished.

Crelinsten said that although Congress is not a part of the coalition of 50 organizations that have banded together under the Centre for Racism and Prejudice's leadership to fight Le Gallou's visit, there will be a "concerted and orchestrated effort" to coalesce with other cultural communities on the issue.

One of those communities, indicated Crelinsten, could well include the Centre Maghrebin de Recherche et d'Information, headed by Fatima Houda Pepin, which represented Arabs of North African origin.

In France, the NFP has been particularly vocal about keeping out or deporting immigrants of Arab origin.

The B'nai Brith League for Human Rights is also not part of the coalition trying to block Le Gallou's visit.

But Jonathan Schneiderman, director for the league in Quebec, said the league has been "sharing information" with the Canadian Centre's co-ordinator, Martin Theriault, and has been passing on relevant information to the Montreal Ubran Community police's public security division.

Schneiderman said the League has also sent a letter to Multiculturalism and Citizenship Minister Gerry Weiner expressing its concerns about the NFP and two other issues that have emerged in recent weeks: the Black House organization and the attempt to create a Montreal branch of Heritage Front.

The League is currently trying to find out the locale for the NFP meeting and who will comprise the "official" delegation from France attending the Congres Metropolis 93.

As well, the League is preparing a report on the possible links that exist between Cercle leader Roger Alacoque's group and Jeune Nation, which styles itself as the intellectual voice of the right in the province and publishes a journal called *Cahiers de Jeunes Nation*.

A leading figure within Jeune Nation is University of Montreal professor Pierre Trepanier, an admirer of NFP leader Jean-Marie Le Pen. A report in the August 18 *Globe and Mail* that Le Pen planned to come to Montreal has not been substantiated.

Theriault's anti-racist coalition is also organizing two anti-NFP rallies, the first Sept. 21 at 5 p.m. in front of Place des Arts and another the following day at 6 p.m. in Berri Park. — D.L.


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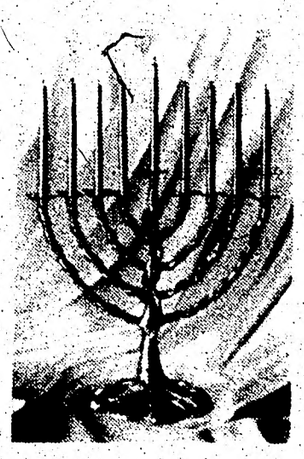
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JEWS IN A CHANGING WORLD

# AIDS

## A Jewish Problem?

*CJN reporter Janice Arnold takes a look at how Montreal's Jewish community is handling this fatal disease.*

By JANICE ARNOLD

**MONTREAL** — Three years ago, Federation CJA's predecessor, Allied Jewish Community Services (AJCS), released its policy on AIDS. It was a thoughtful, compassionate report on the phenomenon from both a Jewish communal and religious perspective.

It was produced after months of study by a committee headed by Dr. Harold Frank, then physician-in-chief of the Jewish General Hospital, and comprised of persons from the spheres of law, social work, ethics, education and the rabbinate.

The committee strongly recommended that the Montreal Jewish community take concrete measures to prevent the spread of the fatal illness, based on the assumption that incidence among Jews is no different from the general population.

It asserted that the Jewish community "must play a leading role in dealing with the AIDS crisis," and that its institutions should lobby for public and private funding for AIDS research and services to prevent the "discrimination and marginalization" that AIDS victims often feel.

Prevention education was to have begun in Jewish schools as early as Grade 1, in tandem with a widescale public education program. Non-discriminatory employment policies, counselling and social services were all recommended. The policy was to serve as a guideline to Jewish agencies. No one was given the specific task of following through on it.

Today, that policy paper is all but forgotten. Rabbi Reuben Poupko, one of the committee members, thinks that's due to AIDS not becoming the issue in the Montreal Jewish community it was feared it would at the time the paper was written.

To his knowledge, there has been no situtation that would test the call for non-discriminatory practice. As for specific services like support groups, the demand is simply not there, he thinks.

The population most likely to demand such attention — younger gay activists — are not a large constituent of the Montreal Jewish community. These young Jews have left Montreal at a greater rate than their heterosexual peers, in part to settle in the large gay communities of Toronto and certain American cities.

Certainly, heterosexual Jews with HIV/AIDS are not heard from.

AIDS is discussed at most of the mainstream Jewish day schools in the context of sex education at the elementary and high school levels, in a program led by family life educators from the Baron de Hirsch Institute.

But no specific services are provided by any community agency or synagogue for AIDS sufferers. AIDS is simply something not given much thought anymore by Montreal Jewish organizations, and Jews with HIV or AIDS are all but invisible. Questions about AIDS and the Jewish community are likely to draw a blank.

Even the main Jewish gay group, Yakhdav, has made few requests of the community in this regard.

Lawyer Frank Schlesinger, chair of Federation CJA's social policy committee then and now, said the report was hailed by other Jewish communities in North America and served as a model for other federations.

"Most of the Jewish schools adopted the policy, and all the hospitals praised it and thanked us for it," he said. "All it was was a recommendation, we have no power to enforce it...We have no budget to create things like hospices."

A blind call to Shalom Line, Federation CJA's confidential listening service, asking about any services for Jewish with AIDS or HIV elicited a few seconds of silence. The only suggestion the answerer could make was crisis counselling for young adults through the Baron de Hirsch. He said this was the first time he had been asked such a question in the two months he had been manning the phone.

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Harvey Blackman, a co-founder of Montreal's first Jewish gay group, Naches, thinks the community lacks the will to face that fact that Jews do get AIDS. Of the 16 core members of Naches, which disbanded almost 10 years ago, five have died of AIDS, he said.

Encouraged by the 1990 policy, Blackman approached AJCS to help in its implementation as a volunteer.

"I've had dozens of friends die of AIDS and many contacts [with organizations concerned with AIDS]," said Blackman, a librarian and editor.

"It was all very pleasant, but basically I got the royal runaround. They said a group of people would have to come forward and put pressure on them. They were not prepared to take any action themselves."

Blackman would like to see support groups and a drop-in centre, modelled on the program at Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. "When our members were dying, Naches didn't know what to do. These were very young people; there were no resources."

Services to persons with AIDS have improved, but they are still far from sufficient, he said, and the Jewish community could supplement them.

## Co-ordinated approach

Blackman would also like to see a co-ordinated approach to providing chaplaincy to Jews in AIDS hospices or hospitals. He recalled an instance some years ago when a rabbi refused to visit a young Jewish man dying of AIDS at a well-known hospice.

"The policy was a noble document, but there was no collective will to see it put into action. The attitude was 'We've done our part, it looks very nice. Case closed."

"Far from being a priority, AIDS is hardly seen as an issue, and that may stem from Montreal being a very conservative community. AIDS is still very much linked with gays and in a conservative community, homosexuality is difficult to come to grips with. Toronto and the major American cities are light-years ahead."

Harvey Cohen, the president of Naches' successor organization Yakhdav, has not heard of the community policy on AIDS and expects little from it in the way of services.

He would, however, like to see an attitudinal change among Montreal Jews about AIDS, which he hopes could be expressed through greater effort to raise funds for AIDS research and services to its sufferers in Quebec.

In concrete services, Cohen sees the need for a Jewish hospice for those dying of AIDS "very shortly."

"Jewish AIDS patients are now ending up in hospices and homes that do not address their cultural needs."

As for support groups, Yakhdav plans to start its own soon. The group has a membership of 162, 40 percent of which is women, he said.

Cohen, a 47-year-old businessman, is also project director for Ca Marche, an Oct. 3 walkathon organized by C-SAM, the umbrella organization for Montreal AIDS groups. The walkathon, it is hoped, will raise $1 million for services to people with AIDS, as well as lift some of the stigma surrounding the disease.

Cohen wants to see a large turnout from the Jewish community, and has approached the organizers of Federation CJA's annual March to Jerusalem for their co-operation, as well as some of the non-Orthodox synagogues.

"Up till now the Jewish community has not addressed the AIDS issue at all, but I think that is starting to change slightly." He thinks this may be due to the influence of the late Ron Farha, a prominent AIDS activist who died in July. A successful businessman in the fashion industry, Farha helped make AIDS a mainstream concern in Montreal.

Cohen applauds one Jewish leader who is quietly doing what he can to change the community's reluctance to get involved with the AIDS issue, Rabbi Lawrence Perlman. Rabbi Perlman has agreed to act as an "ambassador" for Ca Marche, walking alongside other clergymen and encouraging his congregants to get involved.

Until now Yakhdav has not been militant or even highly politicized, but Cohen said the group will use whatever influence it has to stop Israel from barring immigrants and long-term visitors carrying HIV, a policy that country announced last fall.

Yakhdav has endorsed the World Congress of Gay & Lesbian Jews' April decision to continue to raise funds for Israel, but to hold them in escrow until the ban has been lifted. The Congress is asking local organizations raising funds for Israel to support this endeavor.

Cohen also asked the Federation to use its influence on Israel to reverse the ban. Yakhdav participated in and sponsored the main telephone room of Combined Jewish Appeal's Super Sunday telephone blitz, Cohen said, and plans to do so again this September.

Each of Yakhdav's members has signed a letter to the Israeli ambassador to Canada explaining its opposition to the policy. If it becomes law, Cohen said, Yakhdav members with HIV plan to apply for immigration to Israel to see what happens.

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Rabbi Perlman, the 41-year-old spiritual leader of the Conservative Shaare Zion Congregation, sees nothing remarkable in his decision to serve as a Ca Marche ambassador. "I am glad to be involved. These people [AIDS patients] need our help and that's that."

He has kept the doors of communication open with Yakhdav and sermonized on eradicating prejudice against homosexuals. His synagogue is the meeting place for a private support group for parents of gays and lesbians. He is encouraging the synagogue's youth group, as well as adult congregants, to take part in the walkathon.

He is not unaware that some congregants would prefer he did not touch the subject.

"But no one has said 'don't do it' [take part in the march], at least not to my face."

Shaare Zion youth leader Avrum Nadigel, 24, is trying to encourage Jewish teenagers from the synagogue and beyond to participate in the walkathon, but it has not been easy so far.

The biggest obstacle is penetrating the sheltered lives of many Jewish teens. "They don't hear about anyone in Cote St. Luc or Hampstead getting AIDS. It's something that happens outside their borders to other people. In the Jewish community, it's kept pretty hush-hush."

There are signs of change. The Cote St. Luc Youth Softball League held a game in benefit of the Farha Foundation For AIDS Research this month, for example.

Rabbi Poupko, 34, of the Orthodox Beth Israel Beth Aaron Congregation, thinks it's somewhat incorrect for anyone to charge the Montreal Jewish community with ignoring AIDS or its sufferers. He personally has counselled persons with AIDS and their families, and any rabbi who would not do the same is in violation of the Jewish teaching to help the sick no matter how the disease was contracted, he says.

## Same risk

Rabbi Poupko sees the absence of any specific community services or outreach as due to the "so minimal" number of Jewish afflicted rather than to conservatism.

Mark Wainberg, director of the McGill University AIDS Centre and head of AIDS research at the Jewish General Hospital, believes Montreal Jews are at the same risk as most other groups for HIV infection.

An Orthodox Jew, he has spoken frequently in the community about the disease, but wonders whether special services should be sponsored. "Should the community have support groups for Jews with breast cancer, epilepsy, diabetes?"

He thinks AIDS should be taught in the Jewish schools, but there is no need for an identical approach. Each school should follow the path best suited to its philosophy. "I can't imagine any Jewish schools installing condom machines, for example."

There is a need for AIDS awareness in the community and compassion for those afflicted. "No question, there is a lot of homophobia in the Jewish community and I have heard it fanned by some rabbis," says Wainberg.

Dr. Jack Mendelson, chief of infectious diseases at the Jewish General Hospital, says he personally has treated only one Jewish HIV patient. That may be because infected Jews go elsewhere.

The place they do turn to is the office of a general practitioner in a downtown clinic, who is Jewish but asked that his name not be published.

"I've had lots and lots of Jewish patients [with HIV/AIDS]," the doctor says, and knows 12 of them to have died since 1986. Most are homosexual or bisexual; a few are women who were infected by blood transfusions.

He is disheartened by what he sees as the intolerance of Montreal Jews for the subject of AIDS, even when it strikes their own families. The common reaction to AIDS diagnosis from a Jewish patient is that his family should not know. Even after their death, the doctor has seen families keep the cause under wraps, channelling donations to causes other than AIDS resarch.

He is critical of Jews for being noticeably absent from AIDS fundraising and public education projects. "The Jewish community has not done its share."

This doctor has approached the Jewish community, mainly through non-Orthodox rabbis, to get involved in raising money through C-SAM, but has had little concrete success. He had thought a tree-planting project in Lafontaine Park might hit a responsive chord in the Jewish community.

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The fear of AIDS has followed victims past their death. Members of the chevra kadisha at Paperman's Funeral Home have in the past refused to carry out the ritual cleansing (taharah) of the bodies of those who have died of AIDS.

But that has changed recently, said funeral director Laurence Paperman. In the last couple of cases, this ritual, which involves washing the body thoroughly, has been carried out by the home's own workers and/or persons brought in.

The acquisition of special kits designed for use in the handling of AIDS victims, which include extra thick gloves and coveralls, has helped allay fears.

Paperman says Jewish AIDS victims have been buried without taharah, but it was done with the sanction of the family and rabbis involved. The issue is, of course, not unique to Montreal and has been debated by rabbis everywhere, Paperman points out. (There are a number of circumstances under Jewish law when taharah may be omitted.)

Rabbi Poupko acknowledges that the taharah may be omitted in cases of danger to the chevra kadisha members, and the burial is still kosher.

But, he thinks, the fear of contamination, while understandable, is not based on scientific evidence. Precautions such as rubber gloves and masks should eliminate any danger, he says.

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The Montreal Jewish community is hoping education of its youth will reduce the likelihood of AIDS claiming anymore of its people. Most schools, except the very Orthodox, include AIDS in their curricula. For most, it is through sex education which is led by family life educators from the Baron de Hirsch Institute at the elementary (from Grade 5) and high school levels.

"Our program is very honest. We talk about condoms. We tell it like it is," says family life educator Ellen Schwartz.

No standardization exists, perhaps because there is no board of Jewish education.

Bialik High School this past year held an intergenerational discussion on AIDS and its effect on society with members of a local Golden Age group, said vice-principal Roz Pinker, who was instrumental in ensuring the school addressed the AIDS issue.

Parents, teachers, administrators and students were involved in the development of an AIDS policy for the entire Jewish People's and Peretz Schools corporations several years ago, which included a seminar addressed by public school educators, an ethicist and an AIDS patient, among others.

"We are very explicit," says Schwartz. "You have to be. We are educating children about how to live in this sometimes frightening world."

# Liberal MP Gray blasts Tories for unravelling Canadian dream

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The last nine years of Conservative government have resulted in the "unravelling of the Canadian dream," veteran Liberal member of Parliament Herb Gray said at a fundraiser for him last week.

Gray cited a recent poll showing Canadians feel, for the first time, that their children will not do as well as they have.

"I find this troubling. I find this shocking," said Gray, Canada's longest-serving Jewish MP.

Heavy hitters in the Jewish community gathered for the small meeting organized by MP Robert Kaplan, who is not seeking re-election in York Centre, the riding he's held since 1974.

Those invited were reminded that with Kaplan's departure from politics, Gray could become the sole Jewish MP from Ontario, provided no other Jewish candidates are elected in this years's vote and provided Gray holds on to the Windsor West seat he's held continuously since 1962.

The Liberals "will do everything they can to restore the Canadian dream," Gray said, adding that the first priority of a Liberal government will be job creation and stimulating economic growth.

Gray tore into Prime Minister Kim Campbell, who "left the right-wing Socreds in British Columbia because she liked Brian Mulroney so much." Campbell "wants to carry on" many of Mulroney's unpopular measures.

It was Mulroney who brought the recession to Canada sooner than was necessary by "engineering" an economic slowdown to curb inflation, Gray charged.

Gray said that when it comes to Israel, the views of his leader, Jean Chretien, "are in sync and in harmony" with those of Jewish Canadians.

Chretien has "a personal understanding" of Mideast issues and is "committed" to strengthening Canada's relations with Israel — all a result of the leader's "deeply held libertarian values."

But Gray dodged a question on the pursuit of Nazi war criminals in Canada and the Liberals' track record on the dossier.

Gray cited last spring's annual Canada-Israel Committee meeting, at which Chretien was received "warmly."

Introduced at the meeting was Barry Campbell, the Liberal candidate in St. Paul's, now held by the retiring Barbara McDougall. Campbell expressed the hope that with his election, the net amount of Jewish MPs from Ontario would remain the same after the next vote.

Sen. Jerry Grafstein (left) and retiring MP Robert Kaplan (right) flank Windsor MP Herb Gray at a fundraiser for Gray last week.

## ISRAELI TENNIS STARS

**Marvelle and Murray Koffler were hosts at Mayfair Valley West recently to five young tennis stars from the Israel Tennis Centre in Ramat Hasharon. Pictured with the players and their coach, Vicki Beker (top left) is Ruth Kedar (top right), director of public relations for the tennis centre. Their stop in Toronto was part of an annual North American tour. [Cindy Charkow photo]**

# Livergant supported medical causes

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Harold Livergant, founder of Extendicare Health Services Inc. and an ardent supporter of medical and educational causes in Israel, died August 14 at the age of 68.

Born in Winnipeg, son of the late Solomon and Sarah Livergant of Plunkett, Sask., Livergant was one of the pioneer administrators of medical-hospital plans in that province before moving to Toronto, where he was credited with revolutionizing the private health-care business in Canada.

Livergant served on the board of governors of Mount Sinai Hospital, the international board of governors of Ben-Gurion University and as national president of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He was the Kupat Holim Man of the Year 1986, an honor awarded in recognition of the Harold and Lynda Livergant Neo-Natal Wing at Soroka Medical Center in Beersheva.

Besides health care, his other passion was horses. He kept a stable of thoroughbreds at his farm in Caledon East for racing and breeding.

Livergant started his career as an accountant after graduating from the University of Saskatchewan. His first taste of health care administration came when he moved to North Battleford and started a community hospital planning council.

In 1962, he returned to school. While taking his masters degree in health administration at the University of Toronto, he met John MacKay, then administrator of North York General Hospital. Together the two men founded Extendicare.

Livergant believed the private sector could provide quality, cost effective health care through centralized management. He was often quoted as saying: "There are two sins in heath care. One is to deliver a poor quality of health care. And the other is to spend more of society's money than you need to in providing that care."

In 1980, Extendicare acquired Crown Life Insurance Co. and in 1983, Extendicare's corporate name was changed to Crownx Inc. Livergant retired as president and CEO of Extendicare in 1984 and as vice-chairman of the Board of Directors for Crownx in 1992.

Livergant leaves his wife, the former Lynda Silverman, children Elyssa, Bradley and Susan and two grandchildren.


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## World

# Netanyahu vows to derail government

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Benjamin Netanyahu, head of the opposition Likud party, blasted the plan and vowed to bring down the government over the issue. He charged the Israeli government was throwing a lifeline to the PLO, which he said is bankrupt and remains committed to Israel's destruction.

The head of the Likud caucus in the Knesset, Moshe Katsav, said the proposal paves the way for a Palestinian state.

"We are afraid this policy has only one significance: to put the cornerstone of the Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria," he told Israel Television.

He added: "And we believe that in a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria there is only one meaning: the destruction of Israel."

Settlers in the territories have roundly condemned the proposal and warned that deep divisions over it could erupt into a full-blown campaign of civil disobedience.

Within the government, Cabinet Secretary Elyakim Rubinstein, who heads the Israeli team negotiating with the Palestinians in Washington, was reported by Israel Television to be threatening to resign. Rubinstein is a holdover from the previous Likud government.

Prime Minister Rabin, too, has been cautious about the proposed agreement, many of whose specific terms must still be worked out.

Among other things, he is concerned that the Palestinians will seek to have a full withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza and Jericho, a move he is unprepared to make.

Rabin also wants to keep control of the strategically important Allenby Bridge, a crossing point into Jordan that is located near Jericho.

Another point of concern is the status of Jewish settlers in Gaza, whose safety must be guaranteed.

Despite speculation over the past few days regarding the Gaza/Jericho plan, most ministers were stunned to hear that an agreement had actually been reached with the Palestinians.

Even Rubinstein is said to have known nothing of the agreement. According to sources in the Prime Minister's Office, Rubinstein said he would resign after hearing of the agreement, and both Rabin and Peres tried to dissuade him.

Meanwhile, Rubinstein has postponed his trip to Washington and is reportedly studying the agreement, which he had not seen before, but is to be the focus of this week's talks. He will decide whether to continue in his post after Monday's cabinet meeting.

Shimon Sheves, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, has left for the U.S. to meet senior administration officials and Jewish leaders and explain the agreement to them.

The talks with the PLO have also raised the possiblity of mutual recognition in the near future. According to the agreements, Israel would recognize the PLO, which in turn would recognize Israel; commit itself to stop terrorism; not object to Israel's fight against other Palestinian organizations which persist in terrorist acts; and delete several offensive clauses from the PLO charter.

Speaking to Israel's Army Radio station from Tunis, PLO spokesman Yassir Abed-Rabbo said on Sunday that "in the coming days, we will be witness to a historic change in the relationship between the Israeli people and the Palestinian people, a change the two peoples have been waiting for a long time."

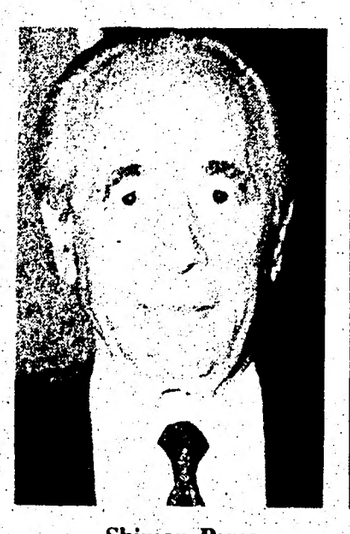
He insisted, however, that Israel and the PLO had come to an agreement not only on "Gaza/Jericho first," but also on a comprehensive agreement on autonomy in the territories, including withdrawal arrangements that would be implemented first in Gaza and Jericho.

"There is no special agreement for Gaza and Jericho separately," Abed-Rabbo said. "The agreement hoped for by the leaders was reached, which relates to the establishment of an elected Palestinian authority in all the Palestinian territories, an authority that will be elected by all Palestinian residents, including residents of Jerusalem.

Asked about the possibility of a Rabin-Arafat summit, Abed-Rabbo said: "I don't exclude the possibility in the near future."

Yasser Arafat

Benjamin Netanyahu



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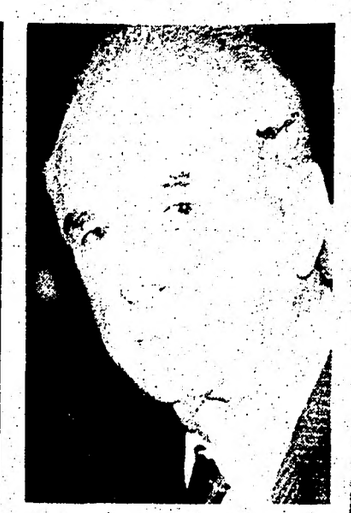

Yitzhak Rabin

Rabin told ministers at the regular cabinet session on Sunday that the Palestinian representatives from the territories were simply unable to "deliver the goods."

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said after the meeting that he hoped an agreement with the Palestinians would be signed this week.

"All the hopes and expectations we had had from the PLO-Palestinian leadership in the territories led to nothing," he said. "We realized it was hard to advance without everything being coordinated and sewn-up with the PLO. Yes, it's true, there were talks. But it should be remembered that an integral part of the agreement is that it stops terrorism, and that means that its ceases being the PLO."

Commenting on the attacks by the right-wing over the government's violation of its promise not to talk to the PLO, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said, "The masquerade ball is over. Two years ago, after the Madrid talks, the Likud government started talking to the PLO. What this government is doing is pulling the masks off, washing off the make-up, throwing the wigs away."

In the U.S., President Bill Clinton said, "I'm hopeful, but there's been a lot of these things before."

# Settlers' council rejects violence

By LEORA FRUCHT

**JERUSALEM** — The head of the Jordan Valley Regional Council, David Levy, said he is confounded by the government's proposal to grant autonomy to Palestinians in Jericho, but strongly opposes calls to rebel or resort to violence in resisting the scheme. The nearest Jordan Valley settlement, Na'ama, is some three kilometres from Jericho.

Levy told Israel Radio that he "could not believe that the Labor Party was speaking of the Gaza Strip and Jericho in the same breath. For years there has been a national consensus regarding the importance of the Jordan Valley to Israel's security," he said. "On the other hand, every political party knows that the Gaza Strip requires a different solution. Now I'm afraid we may be seeing the seeds of a Palestinian state sown here in the Jordan Valley of all places."

But Levy strongly condemned the talk of civil war and violent resistance which has been sounded by some settlement leaders. On Sunday, the Rabbinical Forum of Judea, Samaria and Gaza issued a statement warning that "the nation cannot quietly accept extreme acts of treachery towards the Land of Israel. Over Judea, Samaria and Gaza there will be war," said the statement, which concluded with an explicit warning to the government of civil war. "There is no room for such utterances," asserted Cohen. "Civil war is the beginning of the end for us.

We must oppose the Jericho self-rule proposal stubbornly, but we must not lose our sense of proportion. All of us in the Jordan Valley, Judea, Samaria and the Golan Heights have to maintain an open channel of communications with those who hold different views. We must not forget that we are all brothers."


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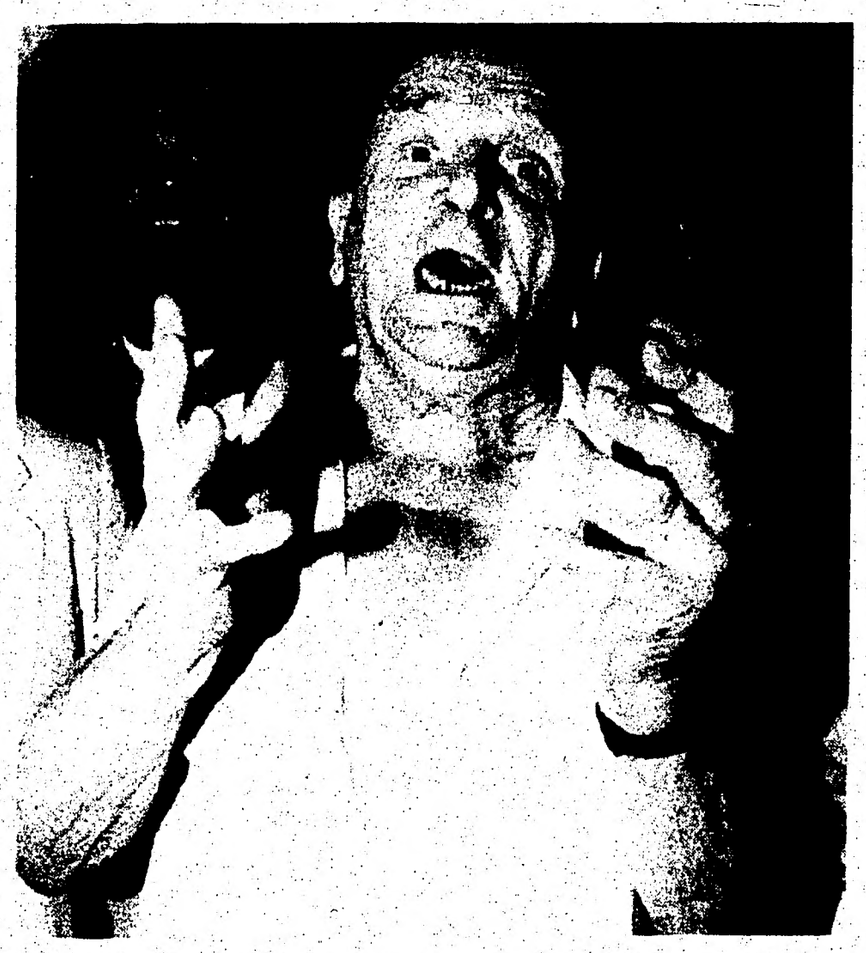

**DEMJANJUK DECISION**
**Holocaust survivor Yisrael Yehezkeli, 75, ripped his shirt as a Jewish sign of mourning over the Israeli Supreme Court's acquittal of John Demjanjuk of Nazi war crimes. [RNS photo]**

# Demjanjuk chief supporters linked to revisionist activities

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — Two of John Demjanjuk's chief supporters in the United States have been linked to Holocaust revisionist activities and were key players in secret post-World War II operations to admit Nazi war criminals to this country, according to a report based on recently declassified intelligence records.

Demjanjuk's case has evolved into one of the most controversial of war crimes prosecutions in both the United States and Israel.

The former Cleveland autoworker and Ukraine native was stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 1981 and extradited to Israel in 1986. There he was convicted of being the notorious Treblinka guard "Ivan the Terrible" and sentenced to death.

But Demjanjuk and his supporters have proclaimed his innocence all along, and last month the Israeli Supreme Court overturned his conviction.

He may still face additional charges based on his wartime activities at another death camp, Sobibor.

The revelations about his U.S. supporters were made by Charles Allen Jr., a war-crimes investigator writing for *Reform Judaism* magazine, which is published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In his article, "Liberty Betrayed," Allen reports that Jerome Brentar and the late Edward O'Connor, two principal supporters of Demjanjuk, were participants in top-secret post-war U.S. government programs that helped fascist war criminals escape Europe and enter the United States.

Brentar is a Cleveland travel agent. In 1989, Allen reports, Brentar appeared before a meeting of the Institute of Historical Review in Costa Mesa, Calif., a Holocaust-denial organization, where he "received a hero's welcome."

At the conference, Allen writes, Brentar compared the "crucifixion" of Demjanjuk by the courts of Israel to that of Jesus.

Brentar also lashed out against the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, which prosecutes accused Nazi war criminals living in the United States.

The late Edward O'Connor — father of Mark O'Connor, one of Demjanjuk's former lawyers — was the chief architect of secret programs to bring fugitive Nazis into the United States after World War II, according to Allen.

A high official with the National Catholic Welfare Conference, O'Connor was appointed to influential government posts — including the Displaced Persons Commission and the National Security Council — by President Harry Truman.

Since the establishment of OSI, according to Allen, both Brentar and O'Connor have testified in court and publicly defended the only three Treblinka SS guards known to have entered the United States — Liudas Kairys, Feodor Fedorenko and Ivan Demjanjuk.

## *Survivor's evidence discounted*

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — The Simon Wiesenthal Center has reversed its position and said it does not believe the Israeli Supreme Court would seriously consider the testimony of a New Jersey woman who says she remembers that John Demjanjuk had been a guard at Sobibor, where she was interned.

A statement by the Los Angeles-based center was released last week after Esther Raab, a 71-year-old resident of Vineland, N.J., was reported by the Associated Press and *The New York Times* to have suddenly come forward recalling Demjanjuk at that camp.

Israel's high court has set Sept. 2 as the date on which an expanded bench will hear petitions on why Demjanjuk should be tried for other crimes. Two of the petitioners — Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University and legal researcher Ken Narvey — are Canadian [*CJN*, Aug. 26].

Raab would have been the first living Sobibor survivor to have identified Demjanjuk as a guard at that camp.

Eight Sobibor survivors who are among those petitioning for a new trial have said they do not recognize Demjanjuk.

Wiesenthal Center officials, following a lengthy interview with Raab, determined that since she had been unable to identify Demjanjuk's photograph in a 1977 lineup with U.S. government officials, the "center does not believe that the Supreme Court in Israel is likely to consider such testimony."

# U.S. Nazi faces deportation

**WASHINGTON (JTA)** — An American-born man who worked as a guard in three Nazi concentration camps has been stripped of his U.S. citizenship and now faces deportation proceedings.

If deported, he would become the first U.S.-born citizen to be removed from this country for war crimes.

Nikolaus Schiffer, 74, a native of Philadelphia, was denaturalized last Wednesday for having lied about his wartime service at the Majdanek death camp in Poland, the Sachsenhausen concentration camp in Germany and Hersbrouck, a subcamp of the Flossenburg concentration camp, also in Germany.

Although 46 people to date have had their U.S. citizenship revoked for concealing their involvement in the Nazi persecution of Jews during the Holocaust, all have been foreign-born.

Schiffer's attorney, William Jones, said he expected to appeal the ruling, according to a report in *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Schiffer was not implicated in any specific crimes as an SS guard. But after hearing testimony from concentration camp survivors and others last March during a non-jury trial in Easton, Pa., U.S. District Judge Franklin Van Antwerpen ruled that Schiffer had illegally regained his U.S. citizenship by concealing his wartime service.

He originally lost his U.S. citizenship when he joined the Romanian army and the Nazi SS, and pledged allegiance to Adolf Hitler.

Schiffer, a retired baker who has been living in New Ringgold, a religious conclave in Pennsylvania, was born to ethnic German parents. As a child he was taken to Romania, where he grew up in Moravitza, an ethnic German town in Romania.

Schiffer maintained that he did nothing wrong, but the judge disagreed.

"We find much of Schiffer's testimony unbelievable," Van Antwerpen wrote in an 82-page decision.

In the ruling, the judge noted that although Schiffer had not been at the Trawniki, Poland, forced-labor camp in November 1943, when the Nazis massacred 6,000 Jews, he was there in January 1944, when Jewish prisoners were ordered to excavate the bodies of the slain Jews and burn them.

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## World

# Business project proving successful

By FRANCES KRAFT

At the Toronto office of the Canadian Technion Society are (from left) Ami Lowenstein, Gedalyahu Manor and Michael Spevak.

**TORONTO** — Government, academia, business and immigrants from the former Soviet Union have been brought together in an innovative Israeli government-sponsored project that is showing promising results two years after its inception.

The Entrepreneurial Incubator project helps new olim develop creative ideas into actual businesses at Israeli universities.

The country's oldest such project, located at the Technion — Israel Institute of Technology is now at the stage where some of its 15 high-tech projects are on the verge of becoming independent.

The government funds each project for a two-year period, Ami Lowenstein, Israeli-born general manager of the Technion Entrepreneurial Incubator Co. (TEIC), told *The CJN*. Lowenstein, along with four others involved in TEIC, was in Toronto recently to update local investors on the progress of specific projects.

Extending the two-year timeframe is a goal of Lowenstein's and his counterparts at other universities. "It takes more than two years for a company to become independent. In two years you can take an idea and arrive at a prototype. From that prototype to a production model can take another two years."

Each project at TEIC receives $200,000 (U.S.) from the government, to which Technion adds about $50,000. The money covers raw materials, equipment, expenses such as patent registration and salaries for the three to five people working on the project (excluding Technion professors who act as advisers). Most of the projects receive outside funding from private investors, either individuals or companies.

TEIC receives hundreds of applications a year, said Lowenstein. "The projects that are accepted have a very good chance of being a commercial success."

Each TEIC project has been incorporated as a company in Israel. Once the incubator funding runs out at the end of two years, explained Lowenstein, a company may apply for government funding as an independent business enterprise. If they bring in foreign investment money, there are government funds which will match or even double their capital.

One TEIC project may be headed in that direction. Gedalyahu Manor of Technion's Agricultural Engineering department headed up a project called Spraytech to produce a crop sprayer which he had developed. The sprayer was designed for cotton crops, which are typically plagued by insects causing extensive damage on the dense-growing lower leaves. From Toronto Manor was to continue to the United States to discuss a joint venture with a major American company.

Manor's environmentally friendly design results in considerably less "drift" of insecticide than with conventional sprayers, and he says that it is even effective when used with non-toxic oils in place of insecticide.

Adar-Tech, headed by former Muscovite Michael Spevak, is test-marketing protein vitamin supplements for fish, dogs and cats in Haifa.

Spevak, who has a Master's degree from Moscow's Institute of Chemical Technology, made aliyah two years ago with his wife and two young sons after studying Hebrew for about nine months and compiling a list of Israeli contacts in the biotechnical field. His work at TEIC is very similar to what he did in Russia.

Adar-Tech has been successful in lowering the mortality rate for pet fish and edible sea bass larvae from 50 percent to 3 percent, according to Lowenstein. "It's going to be a success story, no doubt about it," he says.

When Adar-Tech needed a $25,000 ultrafiltration unit for which it didn't have enough money, Spevak designed his own unit using inexpensive cartridges from a Russian manufacturer he tracked down. He later sold one to a dairy plant.

Adar-Tech has received money from the Toronto Technion High-Tech fund of the Canadian Technion Society, which will be used to establish a small factory. Any profits accruing back to the fund will remain in Israel to benefit other TEIC projects.

# Canadian teens go to Technion

**HAIFA** — Five Canadian high school students were among the 90 teenagers participating in the Technion's second international science and technology camp known as SCI-TECH. The month-long program is geared to 16- and 17-year-olds with an exceptional interest in science and technology.

Nicolas Muzin of Toronto, Ross Fischoff of Richmond Hill, Batya Laye of Vancouver, Daniel Kantor of Windsor and Rachel Meltzer of Ottawa joined students from Costa Rica, England, Korea, France, Italy, Switzerland, Argentina, Brazil, Israel and the United States to participate in sophisticated research projects.

Under the supervision of Technion professors and graduate students, the teenagers worked on projects such as space propulsion methods in Aerospace Engineering; sleep and heart research in Medicine; genetic engineering and drug research in Biology; and robotics in Mechanical Engineering.

The program included trips to Jerusalem, Massada, Ein Gedi, and the Galilee.

# NAME GAME

**There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.**

### KUSHNER — FUTTERMAN

Bonnie Kushner, of Toronto, writes for an explanation of her surname.

This is an occupational name to describe a furrier and manufacturer of fur-trimmed garments and headgear. Many Jews were engaged in the fur business. Their specialty was not mink coats for the ladies, but rather fur-trimmed hats worn by men in the cold Russian winters. Another common name for a furrier is Futterman, surnames of a distinguished colleague of mine.

### TENENHOUSE

Mr. J. Tenenhouse, of Cote St. Luc, Quebec, wonders about the root of his family name.

His surname is an anglicized spelling of the German Tannen (fir) Haus (house). I envisage a log cabin which may describe the family dwelling and not just a summer retreat.

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## דערפאָלגרייכע נאַציאָנאַלע קאָנפערענץ פון ציוניסטישן אַרבעטער פאַרבאַנד

### באריכט פון ישראל קאָפיטאָ

אין חודש יוני איז אין טאָראָנטאָ פאָרגעקומען אַ נאַציאָנאַלע קאָנפערענץ פון ציוניסטישן אַרבעטער פאַרבאַנד. די קאָנפערענץ איז אַדורך מיט גרויס דערפאָלג.

די קאָנפערענץ איז דערעפנט געוואָרן אויף אַ פייערלעכן אופן שבת אָוונט, דעם 12-טן יוני. די יוגנט פון „הבונים-דרור" האָט דורכגעפירט אַ שיינע מוזיקאַלישע פראָגראַם. יוליוס סאָקאָלאָוו האָט געעפנט די סעסיע מיט אויסדריקן אַ „ברוכים הבאים" צו אַלע אָנטיילנעמער. ער גיט איבער דעם פאָרזיץ פון אָוונט צו דוד קאָפסקי, נאַציאָנאַלער פאָרזיצער פון ציוניסטישן אַרבעטער פאַרבאַנד.

גאַסט-רעדנער ביי דער סעסיע איז געווען גערשאַל אוזי נאַרקיס, פון צה"ל, איינער פון די באַפרייער פון מזרח-ירושלים. עס האָט אויך באַגריסט דער גענעראַל-קאָנסול פון מדינת ישראל אין טאָראָנטאָ, דרור זייגערמאַן, וועלכער האָט שטאַרק געלויבט דעם ציוניסטישן אַרבעטער פאַרבאַנד אין קאַנאַדע פאַר דער איבערגעגעבענער ממשותדיקער הילף צו הסתדרות און צו מדינת ישראל.

די צווייטע סעסיע, זונטיק, דעם 13-טן, האָט זיך אָנגעהויבן מיט אַ פרישטיק. פאָרזיצער איז געווען יוסף קריסטאַל. דער רעדנער איז געווען דוד קאָפסקי. ער האָט גערעדט אויף דער טעמע: די יידישע אַגענץ פאַר ישראל און די ציוניסטישע וועלט אָרגאַניזאַציע.

די פאַרמיטאָג סעסיע דעם זעלבן טאָג איז געפירט געוואָרן פון די קאַ-פאָרזיצערס: קיווע זעליק פון מאָנטרעאַל און ישראל אַפעל פון טאָראָנטאָ. עס האָבן געריידט אויף דער טעמע פון צווישן-קהילות באַציאונגען: גערדא פריבערג, פאָרזיצערין פון צענטראַלן ראַיאָן, קאַנאַדער יידישער קאָנגרעס; און זאַב עטינגער, פרעזידענט פון מזרח-ראַיאָן, קאַנאַדער ציוניסטישע פעדעראַציע.

ביי דער מיטאָג-סעסיע איז אויפגעטראָטן אַלס גאַסט-רעדנער אַלען ראָוז, עקזעקוטיוו וויצע-פרעזידענט פון קאַנאַדער יידישן קאָנגרעס. ער האָט געריידט וועגן די יידן אין מזרח-אייראָפּע און אָנגעוויזן אויף דער קריטישער לאַגע פון די יידישע ישובים אין פוילן, רומעניע, אונגאַרן און אין די רעפובליקן פון געוועזענעם סאָוועטן-פאַרבאַנד.

זונטיק נאָכמיטאָג זיינען פאָרגעקומען דריי אַרבעט-סעסיעס. ביי דער ערשטער, אונטערן פאָרזיץ פון סאָל סטיפעלמאַן, האָט געריידט דזשערעמי פאַרמאַן, גענעראַל-סעקרעטאַר פון „הבונים-דרור" אין צפון-אַמעריקע. ביי דער צווייטער, אונטערן פאָרזיץ פון נח וויטמאַן פון וויניפּעג, האָבן געריידט וועגן יידיש-חינוך, ראַבּיי אויערווין וויטי פון טאָראָנטאָ, דרור זייגערמאַן, און ל. רובינאָף, פון די פאַראייניקטע שטאַטן. ביי דער דריטער, אונטערן פאָרזיץ פון יוסף ליכטיק, האָבן געריידט פראָפעסאָר העניר פיינגאָלד און אליעזר באָש.

זונטיק אָוונט איז פאָרגעקומען אַ פייערלעכע אויפנאַמע און דינער, אונטערן פאָרזיץ פון יוסף קריסטאַל. אַלס גאַסט-רעדנער איז אויפגעטראָטן פראָפעסאָר העניר פיינגאָלד, פרעזידענט פון ציוניסטישן אַרבעטער-פאַרבאַנד אין די פאַראייניקטע שטאַטן. זיין רעדע איז אויפגענומען געוואָרן מיט גרויס אינטערעס.

ביי דער פרימאָרגן סעסיע, מאָנטיק, דעם 14-טן, אונטערן פאָרזיץ פון דוד ניומאַן, איז געפייערט געוואָרן דער געבורטסטאָג פון יוסף קריסטאַל, איינער פון די אַקטיוווסטע פירער אין פאַרבאַנד. דער גאַסט-רעדנער איז געווען ריכטער פיליפ גיוועגנס, וועלכער האָט געריידט וועגן זיין רייזע קיין פוילן מיט עטלעכע חדשים צוריק, צום אָפּצייכענען דעם פופציקסטן יאָרסטאָג פון אויפשטאַנד אין וואַרשעווער געטאָ.

צום סוף איז דערוויילט געוואָרן די נייע פי-רערשאַפט פון קאַנאַדער ציוניסטישן פאַרבאַנד, אין פאָלגנדיקן באַשטאַנד: יוסף קריסטאַל, נאַציאָנאַלער פאָרזיצער; יוליוס סאָקאָלאָוו (טאָראָנטאָ) און הערי פראָימאָוויטש (מאָנטרעאַל), וויצע-פאָרזיצערס; לואי קירשענבוים, קאַסירער פאַר טאָראָנטאָ; נחום קאָפעלמאַן, קאַסירער פאַר מאָנטרעאַל; משה וויינגאַרטן, סעקרעטאַר.


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# Agency executive meets to decide Dinitz's future

**[Staff/JTA]** — Neither Canadian Zionist Federation national president Kurt Rothschild nor United Israel Appeal (Canada) executive vice-president Steve Ain had any comment last week on the Simcha Dinitz affair.

Rothschild told *The CJN* he is "reserving" comment "because it's premature to say anything."

Ain said he would know more after a meeting this week in Jerusalem of the Jewish Agency's executive.

The police have not publicized their findings but it was widely reported in the Israeli media last week that police recommended Dinitz, the powerful chairman of the Jewish Agency, be indicted for financial wrongdoings, including breach of public trust embezzling as much as $70,000 in Agency funds for personal use, through the use of credit cards.

Rothschild was one of 17 leaders of Zionist organizations around the world — including Seymour Reich, head of the influential American Zionist Movement — who signed a letter of support for Dinitz. The letter was released one day before the reports of the police recommendation broke.

As well, 15 Labor MKs sent Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin letters of support for Dinitz, although within the Labor party, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency reported, there was already speculation on who will replace the embattled Agency chairman.

The file on Dinitz now rests with Israeli Attorney-General Yosef Harish. His office has estimated it will take weeks to examine the evidence before deciding on an indictment. The police recommendation is not binding on the attorney-general.

If convicted on all charges, Dinitz could face up to seven years in prison.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was scheduled to meet Monday with Mendel Kaplan, chairman of the Agency's Board of Governors.

The Israeli members of the Jewish Agency executive wrote to Kaplan requesting that he refrain from taking any action so long as Dinitz has not been indicted.

Some leaders of Jewish philanthropic organizations in North America have been urging Dinitz to step aside until the case against him is concluded. The powerful New York federation called for Dinitz to step down pending the outcome of the probe.

**Simcha Dinitz**

Many Israeli officials say the scandal has hurt Diaspora fundraising for Israel. But Dinitz has repeatedly denied that the affair has had an adverse impact on the fundraising campaign for the Jewish Agency, which is the primary recipient of United Jewish Appeal funds raised for Israel.

Asked by Israel Television whether the outcome of the police investigation would harm the work of the Jewish Agency, its treasurer, Hanan Ben Yehuda, said, "It's not going to make things easier."

But when asked whether Dinitz should step down or take a leave of absence, Ben Yehuda said that is up to Dinitz. "I think we are living in a democratic environment and society and country," said the treasurer, adding that the Agency should pursue the appropriate legal process.

A special committee appointed by the Jewish Agency Board of Governors to monitor the impact of the affair on fundraising efforts was to make a recommendation by Tuesday, Aug. 31, as to what course of action to take regarding Dinitz's future.

The Jewish Agency's 18-member executive committee was scheduled to discuss the advisory committee's recommendation at a meeting on Aug. 31.

In the meantime, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has written the advisory committee, asking that no action be taken concerning Dinitz until a decision on whether to prosecute him has been made.

# Jewish groups welcome indictment against sheik

**NEW YORK (JTA)** — Jewish groups and politicians have reacted with satisfaction to the federal indictments brought against Egyptian cleric Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and Muslim activist El Sayyid Nosair.

The indictments were unsealed in New York federal court last Wednesday, charging the blind cleric with taking part in the Feb. 26 bombing of the World Trade Center and a subsequent alleged plot to blow up the United Nations and other targets here.

Abdel-Rahman was also charged with conspiracy to assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The cleric had been awaiting deportation on immigration charges but is now expected to remain in U.S. custody.

The indictment also brings federal charges against Nosair in connection with the November 1990 killing of Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the militant Jewish Defense League and the anti-Arab Kach movement.

Nosair was acquitted of state charges of murdering Kahane in a controversial jury trial that ended in December 1991, but he is now serving a prison term of seven to 22 years for assault and weapons possession in connection with the Kahane shooting.

The new charges brought against Nosair use the sweeping federal RICO Act to charge him with engaging in a racketeering conspiracy to murder Kahane.

"For a long time I've talked about Sheik Rahman as the force behind these plots," said New York state Assemblyman Dov Hikind of Brooklyn, who, along with U.S. Sen. Alfonse D'Amato of New York, had allegedly been targeted for assassination earlier this year by the sheik's followers.

Six people died and 1,000 were wounded in the World Trade Center blast.

Binyamin Kahane, son of the murdered rabbi and director of Kahane Chai, a movement of the rabbi's followers, said, "The fact that there is a deep-rooted conspiracy involving many people connected to the Kahane killing is nothing new to us. That is precisely what we have been shouting about for the last three years."

Jeffrey Sinensky, director of civil rights for the Anti-Defamation League, said his agency is "gratified by the most recent steps taken by the government to address the danger of Islamic fundamentalism.

"That fundamentalism is a danger abroad is no surprise. But now that it has reared its ugly head on our shores, it underscores the need for vigilance on the part of our law enforcement officials," he said.

The federal indictment says that the sheik gave his blessing to his followers' plans to blow up targets in New York and that he mediated disputes that erupted among the plotters.

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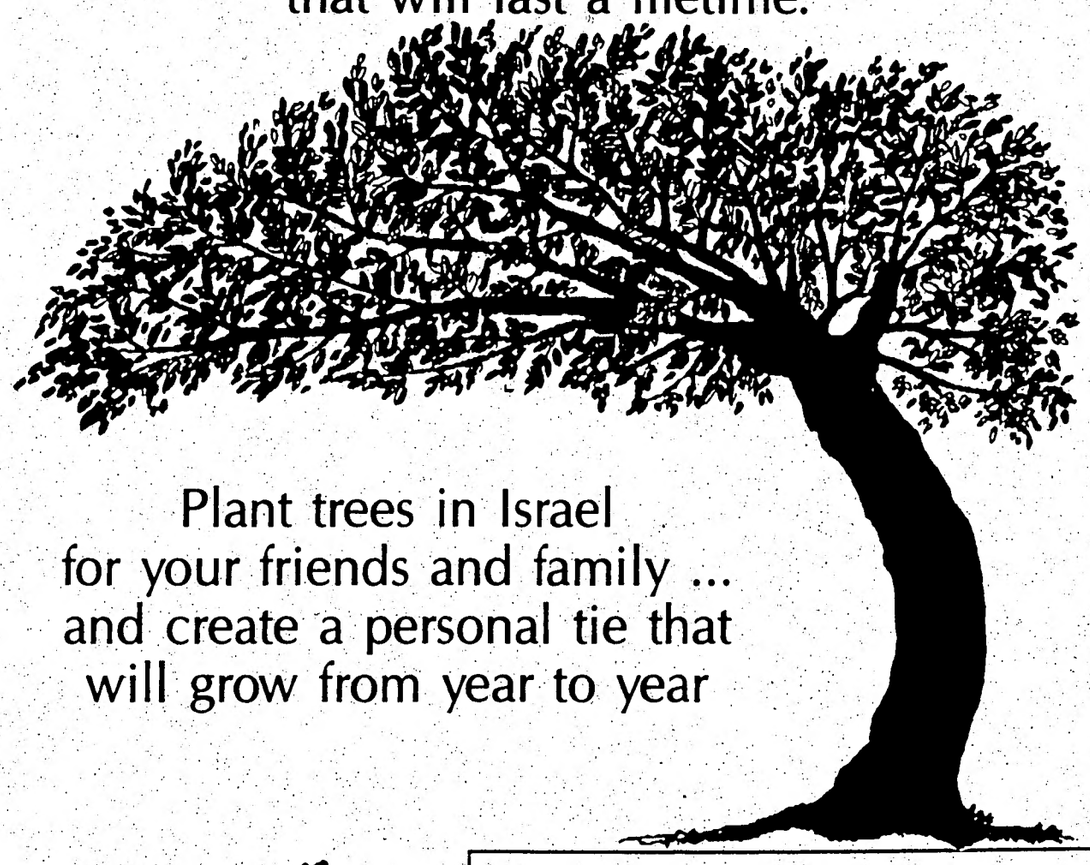

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Givat Haviva fosters Arab-Jewish understanding and co-operation.

# Givat Haviva seeks to bridge gaps between Arabs and Jews

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

GIVAT HAVIVA — Like Quebec, Israel is split into two solitudes, two societies which meet but do not converge.

The country's 800,000 Arab citizens, constituting 18 percent of its population, generally live in separate towns and municipalities, study in separate schools and inhabit separate social and cultural worlds.

As a result, Arabs and Jews usually misunderstand and distrust each other, with all its attendant consequences.

The Institute for Arabic Studies works to promote mutual Arab-Jewish understanding, respect and co-operation. Endorsed and partially funded by Israel's ministry of education, it's an integral element of one of Israel's best-kept secrets — Givat Haviva.

East of Hadera, in the Wadi Ara region near Israel's Green Line, Givat Haviva is the intellectual and spiritual heart of the Kibbutz Artzi movement.

Founded in 1949, Givat Haviva offers seminars on some of the central issues affecting Israeli society — Arab-Jewish relations, Middle East history and politics, Arab culture, Judaism, Zionism and socialism, the Holocaust and kibbutzim.

Established 30 years ago, the Institute of Arabic Studies' goals are to foster Jewish-Arab understanding through teaching and research and to bring together Arab and Jewish students and teachers.

One of the only centres of its kind in Israel, the institute seeks to develop attitudes based on reality rather than myths.

"There's a huge gap between the communities," said Meir Branzburg, a staff member of the institute.

In an attempt to improve the state of Arab-Jewish relations, the institute has developed a number of programs, which are simply unavailable elsewhere.

In the Youth Encounter Project, directed by Branzburg, 11th grade Arab and Jewish students get acquainted during three intensive days of workshops.

Among other topics, they discuss stereotyping. Typically, Branzburg explained, Arabs tend to think of Jews as stingy, brutal and imperialistic, while Jews are prone to believe that Arabs are primitive, dirty and violent.

Each year, about 3,000 students participate in the Youth Encounter Project. As a minority, Arabs are particularly interested in joining these encounters because "they are looking for ways to be integrated into Israeli society," said Branzburg.

Due to budgetary problems, the Youth Encounter Project must turn away some students. Branzburg hopes that Israel's one-year-old Labor government will increase funding and thereby permit still more schools to join.

Another program offered by the institute is called Children Teaching Children.

Here, Jewish and Arab junior high school students teach and learn from each other on a continuing basis. Arab and Jewish teachers are also involved.

It is the only integrated co-operative educational program in Israel's school system.

"It's been very successful since its inception in 1986," said Branzburg. "It started with two schools in Beersheba, and now 32 schools are enrolled in the program."

Participants learn to appreciate one another's language, culture and way of life. After a while, they are in a position to overcome prejudices, stereotypes and social barriers.

"Genuine friendships haven't evolved, but this isn't the aim of the program," said Branzburg. "The goal is dialogue, which promotes tolerance of other views and ideas."

Face to Face, a third program, brings Arab and Jewish high school and university students together. Often, it is the first such experience for most of the participants.

Subjects of conversation range from human rights to Middle Eastern politics.

The program has been effective in reducing fear, diminishing hatred and increasing hope for Arab-Jewish reconciliation.

Special enrichment programs enable Jews learning Arabic to study Arabic literature and tour Arab towns and villages. The one-year Arabic language course is highly regarded and ensures a high level of proficiency.

Seminars for Arabs are on democracy, co-existence and current affairs.

Students and teachers depend upon the unrivalled resources of the institute's Information Centre. Its library of books, periodicals and newspaper clippings, mainly on Israeli Arabs and Arab-Jewish ties, is supposedly the biggest of its kind in Israel.

Not surprisingly, the institute is noted for its publications. Over the years, 60 books and brochures have been published, dealing with such disparate topics as the Madrid peace process and the Israeli Arab press and the Islamic movement in Israel.

Givat Haviva's Centre for the Arts is said to be Israel's sole facility where Arab and Jewish artists work side by side.

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Courses encompass painting, sculpture, ceramics, embroidery, weaving, silk screen techniques, jewelry-making, creative writing, theatre arts, photography, video and graphic arts, art history and children's drama.

The centre also sponsors a camp for young people and publishes *Studio*, a monthly magazine of the arts.

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Givat Haviva's Moreshet Project deals with the Holocaust and related topics such as racism and fascism. Its extensive archives and libraries, maintained in co-ordination with Yad Vashem, draw local and international scholars.

The Centre for Documentation and Research chronicles the development of the left-wing Hashomer Hatzair movement and its unique offshoot, the kibbutz.

The Zvi Lurie Centre fosters scholarly interest in Zionist youth movements, while the Baruch Lin Centre conducts research on Jewish labor movements.

Makor, Givat Haviva's department of overseas programming, gives visitors an opportunity to better understand Israel. There are courses on Jewish history, Israeli politics and society, Zionism, Judaism, Arab-Jewish relations, the kibbutz and the Holocaust.

Seminars, which run from a day to two weeks, are taught in English, French, Russian, German, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese.

Specially-tailored programs have been set up for North American Jewish federations, kibbutz volunteers, trade unionists, Reform rabbinical students, synagogue and church groups and new immigrants, especially Russians.

*Those interested in arranging such seminars should contact the Givat Haviva Educational Foundation in New York, or Makor at Givat Haviva.*

# The News in Brief

## CJC Drive on Israeli Servicemen

**MONTREAL** — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) has agreed to participate in a U.S.-led campaign on behalf of Israel's four missing servicemen, Ron Arad, Zacharia Baumel, Zvi Feldman and Yehuda Katz. CJC is urging Jewish Canadians to speak out, write letters to the editor and write to Iran's and Syria's ambassadors to this country and to External Affairs Minister Perrin Beatty in Ottawa. The addresses are: Miss Bushra Kanafani, Charge D'Affaires, Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic, 2215 Wyoming Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C., U.S.A. 20008 and Ambassador Mohammad Hossein Lavasani, Embassy of the Republic of Iran, 411 Roosevelt Ave., 4th Floor, Ottawa, K2A 3X9, fax: (613) 729-0075.

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## CJC Welcomes Decision on Lanlehin

**MONTREAL** — The Quebec Region of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) last week welcomed news that the leader of the militant group Black House, Sola Abel Lanlehin (a.k.a. Shola Islam) will not be granted refugee status in Canada. Recent television reports revealed that Lanlehin is an illegal immigrant from Nigeria with long criminal records in that country and in Canada. CJC is urging police to keep a close watch on Black House, which has issued a number of anti-Semitic and anti-white statements. Region chair Manuel Schacter called for Lanlehin's deportation.

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## Quebec Liberals May Expel Extremist

**MONTREAL** — The Quebec Liberal Party may expel a member for belonging to an ultra-right, anti-immigration party in France. Liberal president Jean-Pierre Roy said last week his party is considering kicking out Roger Alacoque, head of the Quebec wing of the National Front Party. Alacoque has been a member of the provincial Liberals since 1984 and possibly longer.

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## Church of the Creator said Recruiting

**VICTORIA** — Recruiters for the neo-Nazi Church of the Creator are busily trying to form a branch here, said a recent story in *The Victoria Times-Colonist*. According to an official of the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism, there are between 25 and 30 "church" recruiters in the Victoria area. But police say they are not aware of a strong recruitment drive. "We have fringe players but only a small number are hard-core," said Inspector Fred Mills.

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## Manning extradited to U.S.

**TEL AVIV** — Robert Manning, wanted in the United States to stand trial in connection with a 1980 mail-bombing murder of a California secretary, was finally extradited after years of legal wrangling that included four appeals to Israel's Supreme Court.

The Israeli police kept plans for his extradition a secret until the last minute in order to prevent Manning's lawyers from lodging yet another appeal.

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## Soviets to Beth Din?

**CHICAGO** — As many as 400 Soviet Jews who have settled in the Chicago area may be summoned before the local religious court, or beth din, for not repaying loans they received from the Chicago Jewish Federation. Taking the delinquent Russians to the court is a last-ditch effort by the federation to collect the money it laid out to aid refugees from the former Soviet Union. The majority of Russian Jews who were granted loans — 78 percent, according to the federation — are repaying the money they owe. But nearly $1 million in loans, owed by approximately 400 families from the former Soviet Union, is past due.

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## Iceland opens file on Nazi war criminal

**JERUSALEM** — Iceland's director of public prosecutions has ordered a criminal investigation against alleged Nazi war criminal Evald Mikson, who settled in Iceland after World War II and changed his name to Edwald Hinriksson.

The development was welcomed by Efraim Zuroff, Israel director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Zuroff said the decision is a reversal of the policy expressed in September, 1992 when two lawyers appointed by the government to look into the merits of the case, said that there was insufficient evidence.

Zuroff himself went to Estonia, where Mikson had allegedly committed war crimes against Jews and communists, to find that evidence, which he submitted to the director of public prosecutions in February.

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## Ofira Navon Dies

**JERUSALEM** — Ofira Navon, wife of the fifth Israeli president, Yitzhak Navon, died Sunday at Hadassah Hospital. She was 57. Navon developed breast cancer 14 years ago and led a national campaign to educate women about alternatives to mastectomies. She won two battles with breast cancer but recently developed leukemia and then a severe lung infection.

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## Standing Ovation For Mandela

**JOHANNESBURG** — African National Congress President Nelson Mandela was greeted with a standing ovation when he delivered the keynote address at the 37th national congress of the South African Jewish Board of Deputies last week. Mandela's warm welcome was viewed as a moment of reconciliation by many who had criticized Mandela's much-publicized embrace of PLO leader Yasser Arafat shortly after the ANC president's release from prison in 1990. Amid applause from hundreds of Jewish delegates, Mandela affectionately embraced Israel's ambassador to South Africa, Alon Liel and then had another hug for the South African Zionist Federation's chairman, Abe Abrahamson.

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## Anti-Semitic Brochures in Paris

**PARIS** — Thousands of anti-Semitic pamphlets titled "The Jewish Peril" were recently distributed in and around Paris, prompting protests from the League Against Racism and Anti-Semitism and an investigation by the interior minister. The postcard-sized pamphlets feature a picture of a spider with a human face and a huge, hooked nose grasping the Earth between its hairy legs. Inside is a list of about 50 prominent French citizens who are purported to be "children of Israel" trying to destroy France.

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## Britain, BBC, Suppressed Holocaust

**LONDON** — Britain's Foreign Office and the BBC consistently suppressed news about the Holocaust during World War II because of anti-Semitism in senior levels of both institutions and their belief the British public shared this sentiment. This revelation is contained in documents unearthed from the BBC archives and the government's Public Records Office by researchers preparing a new BBC radio series, which was slated to begin last week.

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## Israeli Cops Seek Emigres

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — The police will soon begin recruiting Israelis living in North America who are hesitant to return because of a lack of employment opportunities.

"In addition to helping the police force enlist new recruits, we also have an important Zionist mission to bring Israelis back home," said Commander Yoram Shahal, deputy head of personnel, who is in charge of the campaign. "Israelis living abroad are often reticent to return because they don't have jobs waiting for them."

Candidates will be referred to a New York-based senior police representative through the consulates in their cities of residence.

To cut down on bureaucracy, all examinations of suitable candidates wishing to return will be carried out in the United States.

Absorption Ministry representatives in consulates in major American cities will send out questionnaires within the next few days to suitable candidates in an attempt to interest them in becoming Israeli police officers.

Depending on the response, senior recruitment officers and examiners are expected to travel to the U.S. to interview candidates.

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## Tel Aviv's new bus station opens

**TEL AVIV** — Tel Aviv's new Central Bus Station, which recently opened, is being described as among the largest and most modern in the world.

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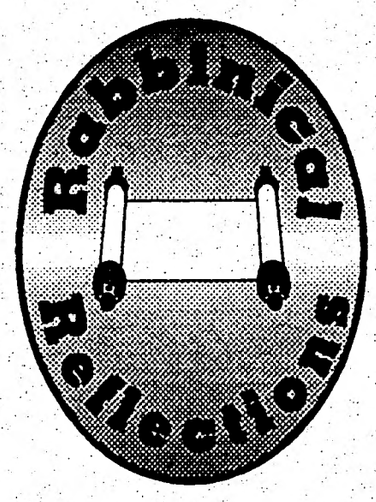


By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sedrah we read an account of the bringing of bikkurim, the first fruits, to the Temple. The Midrash says: "In the merit of bikkurim, the world was created." What is so significant about this mitzvah? Why is it given such status that Hashem created the entire world in its merit? What connection does this mitzvah have with the High Holy Days — seeing that it is read always around this time — this year, less than two weeks before Rosh Hashanah?

Two of the many lessons we can learn are the following: appreciation, and dependence on the Almighty. Let me explain.

The very word Yehudi, the Hebrew word for a Jew, means one who thanks. The first words that we utter upon waking in the morning are Modeh ani lefanecha, I give thanks to You, O living and eternal God. Thrice daily in the Shemoneh Esrei we utter the Modim prayer: "We give thanks to You . . . for our lives which are given over into Your hands, for our souls that are entrusted to You, for Your miracles that are daily with us, for Your wonders and kindnesses that at all times — evening, morning and afternoon . . ."

The essence of the Jew is hakoras hatov — appreciation. First and foremost to the Almighty Who created him, Who sustains him, Who gives him life twenty-four hours a day. Secondly, appreciation to other people — his parents, his spouse, his children, his other relatives and friends, each of whom in their own special way contribute to his welfare and existence.

Giving thanks automatically requires a recognition that someone did me a favor. It means, in a sense, that I am dependent on the bestower of the favor. Even though this is a humbling experience, nevertheless, appreciation is easily forthcoming when we are the recipients of large favors. To someone who saves my life, gives me a job, buys me a house — it's not too difficult to say "thank you" and to genuinely feel sincere gratitude.

But what about the small daily favors that are constantly being granted to us by myriads of benefactors? And what about life itself that is an ongoing blessing of the Almighty? We take so many things for granted. We all know that when we see someone who is God forbid ill, we say — "if you have your health you have everything." We all know that when we read accounts of war and disease and starvation that afflict countries in the world — we then appreciate peace, health, and sustenance.

The Torah's requirement for appreciation is so demanding that I must have appreciation even to inanimate objects. Moshe Rabeinu could not smite the river or the ground to cause the first three of the ten plagues (blood, frogs, lice) — because these inanimate objects saved his life. The river and ground do not feel the appreciation. But man has to train himself to feel appreciation to such an extent that it has to be an automatic response that emanates from his recognition of being the recipient of goodness even from a non-feeling bestower of that kindness.

Dependence on the Almighty: It requires some reflection, but it is not too difficult to realize and recognize that I live by the grace of God. There are certain elements of the world within which I live that I recognize that I have no control over them.

But when I till the field, plant the seed, nurture it, harvest it — and finally bring the fruits of my labor home — ah, that's the true test of discerning whether I recognize that this, too, is a blessing from the Almighty rather than kochee veotzem yodee, the result of my labor, my intelligence, my industriousness. When, after toiling, I reap the first fruits of my labor, and instead of enjoying them myself I bring them to the Temple and acknowledge that all my labor only bore fruit because of the Almighty's blessings — that is recognition, that is dependence, that is appreciation. The two lessons go hand in hand. If I know I am dependent on the Almighty and others for life and welfare, then I appreciate. If I show appreciation then I demonstrate my awareness of dependence.

What lessons could be more appropriate to learn before Rosh Hashanah than these? The task of Rosh Hashanah is to crown the Almighty as our King. Said one chassidic master: "It is easy to crown Him as King over the entire universe. The question is can we crown him over ourselves?" Internalizing the lessons of the bikkurim, will go a long way in helping us to succeed!

# Chief Rabbi Lau to meet Pope

**JERUSALEM (JPFS)** — Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau will meet Pope John Paul II in the Vatican on September 21, the first ever meeting between the Pope and an Israeli chief rabbi.

Dov Halbertal, Lau's bureau chief, said Wednesday that Lau will go to Milan on September 19 for a conference of Jewish, Moslem, and Christian religious leaders. He will go to the Vatican two days later.

Lau initiated the meeting, Halbertal said, to talk about anti-Semitism, the fate of the missing Israeli servicemen, and other issues of mutual concern.

Although there has been much talk over the last year of possible diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel, Halbertal stressed that this is a meeting between religious, not political, leaders. Nevertheless, Halbertal said it is likely the question of relations will come up.

Lau's visit is being organized by and coordinated with the Foreign Ministry. Vatican officials would not comment on the visit.

Halbertal said Lau expects the Pope will issue a condemnation of all terror done in God's name after the meeting.

Although this is the first meeting between a Pope and an Israeli chief rabbi, Rabbi Yitzhak Herzog, a chief rabbi during the British Mandate period, went to the Vatican in 1946 for a meeting with Pope Pius XII to discuss Jewish refugees.

# Ministry's authority questioned

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — In a case pitting secular against religious law, Israel's Supreme Court has ordered the Interior Ministry to explain within 45 days why it relies on the rabbinic courts to determine the Jewish status of immigrants.

The order came in response to a petition filed by the Reform Movement's Religious Action Center, which claims that the Orthodox-controlled Interior Ministry and the rabbinic courts are exceeding their proper authority.

The petition also charges that the attorney general failed to exercise his authority to prevent the actions of the ministry and the religious courts.

The center's petition was filed jointly with Yelena Mazibovksy, who immigrated here last year.

# Front Line

## Israeli politics enduring another long hot summer

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

When Ivan Demjanjuk first appeared in a Jerusalem court seven years ago to pay for Ivan the Terrible's crimes in Treblinka, his bulky presence in the dock seemed to match the chilling depositions of a handful of survivors. The arrogance of his lawyer stood no chance against the president of the court who openly helped the prosecution. It was a show trial and Demjanjuk, whose identity as Ivan the Terrible was not proven beyond doubt, had his death sentence transformed by the Supreme Court in a deportation order.

However, Demjanjuk stayed in Israel as the same court deliberated whether he should stand trial for his past as a guard in another death camp, Sobibor. Those who wanted to punish a monster and teach the indifferent world, and some forgetful Jews, yet another lesson about the Holocaust have seen their action misfire. The Holocaust was somewhat trivialized, the unique impact of the Eichmann trial could not be re-enacted and — worse than that — it sadly demonstrated how difficult it is now, half a century too late, to bring war criminals to credible justice. The miserable person of Ivan Demjanjuk played no role whatsoever at the trial.

Nor was justice served by the four-year investigation of Israeli interior minister Aryeh Deri, which recently culminated in his indictment. But where do we go from here? Possibly nowhere, because Deri — leader of the Shas party — may not stand trial at all, unless deprived of his parliamentary immunity. The other Shas member of the present government, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Raphael Pinhasi, was first denied his immunity on a number of minor accusations, but later had it restored by a very unconvincing second ballot.

Both cases are presently being disputed between Prime Minister Itzhak Rabin and the justice department. Rabin wants his coalition to survive at almost any cost, while the minister of justice maintains that both indicted ministers should retire and stand trial. In defending his position, Rabin stubbornly invokes an understanding signed with Deri when the present coalition was formed a year ago, whereby he would resign once his case was brought to court. This commitment was not challenged at the time by the minister of justice, who must have known that Deri would land in court only if parliamentary immunity was denied. Now the justice ministry says it changed its mind after graver suspicions accumulated during the now-completed investigations. Once again the overworked Supreme Court should have the last word.

Yeshayahu Anug

In the absence of a constitution, the role of the Supreme Court in this highly politicized society is stretched to rather unnatural limits. Israel has no constitution because of the allegiance of the religious to Halacha and because of the reluctance of the majority to enter a kulturkampf over this explosive issue.

Given the proportional electoral system, the religious parties always have been essential members of any possible coalition with either Labor or Likud. For decades this situation was somewhat bearable, but is getting increasingly intolerable now that the religious banner is held exclusively by Shas, the oriental Haredi group.

Although popular support for the whole religious sector amounts to less than 20 percent, and that for Haredim of all denominations to much less, the Haredi impact — through Shas — on Israel's daily life is enormous. The supreme mentor of Shas is Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, whose ultimate loyalty to the coalition, including his support of the peace process, seems now to depend on the readiness of Israel's political establishment to submit to his own medieval notions of democracy and the rule of law. He is now reviving the preposterous accusation that Shas as a party is the innocent victim of Ashkenazi persecution and threatens to order it to leave the government should Deri be harmed.

While it is hard to say who between Ovadia and Deri manipulates whom, Rabin seems to take the warning more seriously than he probably should, for Shas could be again just threatening. Without the two lucrative portfolios Shas could disintegrate. How this new imbroglio will end is anybody's guess. Perhaps it will not end at all, because any compromise with Shas can only last until new trouble erupts from the same sector. Unfortunately, Shas seems unfit to play a responsible part in any government, however accommodating and generous its prospective partners are willing to be.

And how fit is Rabin's government, with all its aches and pains, to function and continue the peace process, meant to resume shortly? Operation Accountability has only conditionally stopped Hezbollah rockets from reaching northern Israel. The organization has visibly intensified its activities against the security zone in southern Lebanon and has inflicted painful losses to the army. It is now clearly provoking Israel to "violate" the mysterious understanding with Syria, which it interprets as forbiding Israel to retaliate heavily against Hezbollah activities in the security zone as long as it refrains from firing rockets into Galilee.

How many casualties can Israel sustain in the security zone without playing into the hands of Hezbollah, which wants to explode the peace process? It is a most difficult moment for Rabin's government. He cannot possibly allow Hezbollah to call the shots, or close an eye to Syria's duplicity vis a vis that organization and its Iranian mentors. But then what, besides exploring the chances of an overall settlement with Syria, is the alterantive? The opposition wants to interrupt the peace process and resume it, in the words of one of its spokesmen, "when the Arabs will be convinced of the hopelessness of their policies." Others suggest waiting until the Arab dictatorships are converted to democracy.

The fact remains that Rabin's credit could soon run out unless he can prove that he has a workable plan for a tolerable settlement or, otherwise, convince the doubters amongst his own supporters that for now there can be no deal with the Syrians or with the Palestinians. At the same time Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu's suggestions, as well as the apocalyptic warnings from former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, are so out of tune with reality as to constitute no contribution to a meaningful debate. As long as heated emotions determine government behavior (often in over-reaction to opposition rethorics), there is little chance for cool judgement in the Land of Israel, particularly not in this merciless hot summer, which incidentally, is not all that different from others.

## *Palestinians' importance in achieving peace overrated*

By CLINTON BAILEY

With all due respect to the Palestinians, the importance of their role in the attainment of peace is highly overrated and is keeping the peace talks deadlocked.

The perception in Yitzhak Rabin's cabinet is that peace will only come if Israel ultimately satisfies Palestinian aspirations, especially with regard to land.

The prospect of ceding almost all the West Bank and Gaza Strip raises the specter of a clash with the Jewish settlers, now numbering 120,000. Unlike many in his government who believe that the settlers will eventually pack up and "go home" peaceably, Rabin does not dismiss the danger of bloodshed. Hoping to defer this prospect, he refuses to discuss giving up land.

Instead, he is offering the Palestinians autonomy for an interim period in which they are expected to behave, but without a guarantee that Israel's occupation will thereafter end. Knowing that their constituents have little faith in Israeli intentions, however, no Palestinian negotiators will risk signing such an agreement. Hence, the peace talks are deadlocked.

Peace with the Palestinians depends less on Israel's meeting Palestinian aspirations than on its addressing the interests of the Arab states. The Palestinian cause is totally dependent on these states - for political leverage, for financing and for locales for its bases - and it is doomed without their support.

The Arab states, motivated to make peace with Israel out of their own national interests, are unlikely to jeopardize these interests by insisting that the Palestinians get all the land they want. All of them feel that they have aided the Palestinians greatly, without gratitude, and feel they've fulfilled their obligation.

This situation gives Israel the latitude to adopt a rational plan for territorial compromise that focuses on security and national consensus rather than on speculation about what is likely to please the Palestinians.

If meeting Palestinian aspirations were not its primary concern, Israel could propose a territorial compromise that left not only the Jordan Valley and some strategic heights in Israeli hands, but also 85 percent of the settlers where they presently are on contiguous Israeli-retained land. If Rabin adopted such a plan he would no longer have to fear the settlers.

Similarly, he could break the diplomatic deadlock by offering to end Israeli rule over some 65 percent of the land, where 95 percent of the Palestinians live. Quite a generous offer, all in all; and if the Arab states accepted it, the Palestinians would have to examine it more carefully, too.

The Rabin government would do well to appreciate that what most of the inhabitants of the territories want, above all, is to be freed from Israeli control. Other items on their agenda - an independent state, Jerusalem, regaining all the land, recognition of the PLO - are secondary. Important, perhaps, but not primary.

If Rabin told the Palestinians in the territories, unequivocally, that they would see the end of Israel's occupation, they would downgrade their demands in these other realms, lest they miss this opportunity and risk prolonging the occupation indefinitely. This, in turn, would facilitate Israel's adopting a rational plan for compromise that took its own security and stability into account.

Israel's failure to exploit these circumstances has bogged the peace talks down and led to lots of confusion at home. The most recent example is the growing belief that the Palestinian negotiators recoil at agreeing to autonomy because they are too weak to be daring, and that only talks with Yasser Arafat will produce an accord.

This is an optical illusion bred by the image of negotiators running to Tunis to get their orders. The reality is different. The negotiators, representing majority sentiment in the territories, hope that talks will ultimately lead to ending the occupation and want them to continue, despite Israel's persistent refusal to offer them land.

Still, they are subject to extremist accusations at home of granting Israel legitimacy while getting nothing in return. Hence, they need the endorsement of Arafat, an established authority, to go on.

Yasser Arafat, in turn, knowing that Rabin wants to keep negotiating with the Palestinians but won't offer them land, exploits the inevitable deadlock for his own interest: to gain a legitimate place at the negotiating table. His ploy is to hold out the possibility of greater flexibility if his leadership is affirmed.

Anyone who expects that Arafat at the peace table will be more able than Faisal Husseini or Haidar Abd al-Shafi to accept autonomy and call off the intifada, without a guarantee that the occupation will end, is deluding himself. If anything, official status will only make Arafat more able to deter the Arab states from agreeing to the type of territorial compromise that Israel needs in order to guarantee its security and even prevent a civil war. --JPFS

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## Jewish law cannot always prevent cremation

By MICHAEL DEVERETT

Even though Jewish law prohibits cremation, your body may be cremated by your legal representatives even if your wishes are stated otherwise in your will. That is the law in Ontario resulting from two recent decisions of the Ontario Court of Justice, general division.

In the first case, a 30-year-old Jewish man who was dying of cancer made a will appointing his non-Jewish girlfriend as executor. In his will, the Jewish man requested his body to be cremated. The man's mother, an observant Jew, applied to the court to prohibit her son's body from being cremated on the gounds that his will was made under suspicious circumstances.

The mother presented rabbinical evidence that Judaism considers cremation to be a desecration of the deceased and a flagrant denial of Judaism's belief in the afterlife. The mother's concern was that if her son's body was cremated the ashes would not be buried in a Jewish cemetery and that Jewish law would prohibit traditional mourning and prayers. The mother feared for her son's soul and her ability to properly mourn him.

The non-Jewish executor, on the other hand, argued that it would be a betrayal of her boyfriend's wishes if he were not to be cremated. She felt very strongly that she had a duty as his executor to fulfil her boyfriend's last wishes.

The court found that the will was valid and that there were no suspicious circumstances. Based on English law and other precedents, the court held that: (1) there is no legal right in a corpse, only obligations; (2) the fundamental obligation is that the body be disposed of in a dignified fashion; (3) both burial and cremation are specifically sanctioned in Ontario; (4) religious law has no bearing in the hearing; (5) none of the mother's legal rights were affected. The non-Jewish girlfriend named in the will won, the religious mother lost.

In the second case, there was no will. A 27-year-old woman, who was brought up in the Muslim faith, died in an accident. Her husband sought to have her remains cremated, in accordance with what he perceived were her expressed wishes. The woman's father sought to prevent the cremation and to have the remains disposed of by burial. According to the Muslim faith, if a body is not buried, it cannot be properly received by G-d.

The deceased and her husband were married at a mosque about 5 years previously. Her husband had converted to the Muslim faith in order to facilitate the marriage and to appease her family. The husband stated that after their marriage he and his wife never attended the mosque, nor did they observe Muslim rites or rituals at any time.

Although the court was satisfied that, prior to her death, the deceased did express the wish to be cremated, it cited a pre-1900 precedent indicating that an expressed wish of a person directing the disposition of his or her body cannot be enforced in law even if stated in a will or other document. However, nothing prevents a legal representative from carrying out the deceased's lawful wishes concerning the disposal of his or her body.

The court concluded that the duty to dispose of the remains of the deceased fell upon her husband as the administrator of his wife's estate and that the husband would have the right to dispose of the remains. The court held that cremation is now recognized under the Cemeteries Act as being a method of disposal of human remains and relied on the ruling in the previous case.

The father's lawyer argued that, by entering into the marriage, the husband, now a person of Muslim faith, undertook to bury his wife. The court accepted the argument of the husband's lawyer that what the husband signed on his conversion was a statement of conscience. It was a pledge to G-d. It was not enforceable by the father in a civil action.

The moral of the story is make sure you think about how your body may be treated by others after your time in this world expires. Don't take antyhing for granted. If you don't have a will, make one. If you have a will, have it reviewed by a lawyer with this specific concern in mind.

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## *Offensive advertising*

In most jurisdictions in North America, daily newspapers will not print paid ads which denigrate the character of specific religious or ethnic groups. For all its failures, the fourth estate on this continent still maintains a certain decorum in refusing to run what in Canada would be called hate literature.

It has become painfully apparent that in Japan no such discretion is observed. According to *Heritage*, the Los Angeles Jewish weekly (August 6), Japan's version of *The Wall Street Journal* — the *Nihon Keizal* — recently ran an ad which said Jews were responsible for the stock market crash, the high yen and the political turmoil in Japan.

The ad which carried this slander was sponsored by Daichi Kikaku, a small publishing house which specializes, among other things, in anti-Semitic works. In *Nihon Keizal* the ad copy alleged that the picture of Mt. Fuji on the 5,000-yen note "was actually an outline of Mt. Sinai, proving that Japan's finance ministry and the Bank of Japan were under Jewish control."

Challenged by a correspondent of *The Los Angeles Times*, a spokesman for *Nihon Keizal* said his paper does not print slanderous ads but felt that the Jewish one did not fall under that rubric. Daichi Kikaku, the publishing house responsible for the ad, expressed satisfaction that the author of the book advertised "had checked his facts." The word "invented" would have been more appropriate.

The ad in *Nihon Keizal* is a deplorable violation of journalistic ethics unworthy of a paper of that stature. The running of the ad may, however, have been a gaffe and an isolated example of egregious poor taste. Such things are not unknown even in the West.

As Tom Tugend says in his *Heritage* article, the Japanese have ambivalent attitudes towards Jews and that the country's record "had both shadows and light." The latter can be seen in Japan's recent denunciation of the Arab boycott of Israel — a startling reversal of two decades of Tokyo's compliance with and support of the boycott.

It is to be hoped that *Nihon Keizal* will exercise more care in the future regarding the kinds of ads it publishes.

## *Moscow 1993*

After 70 years of communist control it would be naive to think that Russia could transform itself into a western-type democracy without seismic convulsions. Some of those fault lines are already running through the Russian landscape as economic and social problems bubble to the surface with corrosive effects on the body politic.

The Jews of the former Soviet Union have been both the beneficiaries and, paradoxically, the victims of Russia's new order.

As Walter Laqueur points out in his newly published study, *Black Hundred* (Harper Collins), the emergence of Pamyat, the fanatical Russian anti-Semitic party, as well as extreme nationalist, monarchist and even Cossack factions (all tinged with the virus of anti-Semitism) does not bode well for Russia's Jews.

Yet, as Maurice Friedberg observes in the August-September issue of *Midstream* magazine, an exclusive focus on anti-Semitic articles and manifestations in Russia obscures the fact that there is a strong pro-democratic spirit in the new Russia. Moreover, Russian journals have published articles which ridicule the anti-Semitism of the extreme right wing.

In addition, says Friedberg, there are far more lethal racial and religious enmities in the former Soviet Union "between Christians and Muslims in the Caucasus or Romanians and Russian settlers in the southwest of the Ukraine."

Despite the occasional article and rally denouncing Jews, these events have not dampened enthusiasm for diverse new expressions of Judaism and Jewishness in the new Russia. In his *Midstream* report, Friedberg indicates that the Lubavitch, along with other Orthodox and Conservative groups, have opened yeshivot, sponsored Hebrew and Yiddish language courses and made available Jewish publications. One could add to his observations Camp Ramah's summer camping programs for Russian youth.

Russia is not experiencing the Weimar syndrome as did Germany after its disastrous defeat in 1918. Russia was victorious in World War II, "the Great Patriotic War," as it is called there. Forty-eight years after its victory against the Germans, Russia confronts another powerful adversary — its own demons.

The struggle for democracy will be long and hard but its allure remains strong for the vast majority of the Russian people who have had enough of totalitarianism. Jews and other citizens of Russian society have and are benefitting from this embrace of freedom and democracy, however fragile they remain.

**TEL AVIV HONORS ED KOCH**

**Former New York mayor Ed Koch is once again visiting Israel. This visit is mainly to give the city of Tel Aviv the opportunity to honor Koch by naming a street after him. Here 'Dr. Ruth' (Dr Ruth Westheimer) and Ed Koch at the ceremony in Tel Aviv. [IPPA photo]**

## Letters to the Editor

*Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.*

### OUTRAGE NOT PRAISE

The CJN chose the wrong time to praise the government of Germany, (Getting it right, *CJN*, August 12) for giving a grant to the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum. The very same issue of the *CJN* reported the release by Germany of Treblinka commandant, Kurt Franz.

An editorial expressing outrage at the lenient treatment of a mass murderer would have been a much more appropriate message of Zakhor.

**Morton Manilla**
**Toronto**

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### MORE MEATLESS MEALS

On Rosh Hashanah we typically celebrate family gatherings with foods such as gefilte fish, chopped liver and roast chicken. However, there appears to be three major inconsistencies between the religious teachings of Rosh Hashanah and traditional festive foods.

While we pray on Rosh Hashanah for G-d's compassion during the coming year, our conventional food choices support an industry that subjects animals to cruelty. Today's farm animals are raised in a manner that does not appear to respect the Torah's mandate of tsaar baalei chayim (not to cause "pain in any living creature"). In fact, modern animal agriculture unnaturally separates animals from their mothers immediately after birth, and then subjects them to de-beaking, castration, extreme crowding, and other cruel practices. Prior to their slaughter, the conditions of kosher animals are no different than that of non-kosher animals.

Secondly, while we traditionally ask G-d for a good and healthy year, many medical studies, such as the 1988 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, warn that our high-fat, animal-based diet is directly linked to the onset of numerous degenerative diseases. These include heart disease, stroke, several forms of cancer — most notably of the breast, prostate and colon — as well as other common problems. Foods derived from grains, vegetable, beans and fruits carry none of these risks.

Rosh Hashanah may be a good time to consider how our traditional food choices appear to support the improper treatment of animals, ignore the mandate to assume responsibility for our health, and overlook the importance of taking a stand against hunger. In response to these concerns, a growing number of Jews have begun to eat more vegetarian foods. There are even Jewish vegetarian cookbooks available. We hope that during this New Year we will all consider the advantages of serving more meatless meals.

**David Bronfman**
**Richard Schwartz**
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### JEWS ARE DIFFERENT

It was a pleasure to read the comments by Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel. I feel he touched a major chord in us with his words about the Holocaust, and the concerns Jews and humanity face today.

I wholeheartedly agree with Wiesel about the Holocaust. We should always be aware of its ramifications and horror, but not be obsessed exclusively with it, otherwise we will be deprived of life as true Jews — concerned with truth, knowledge, and most importantly, l'chaim.

As a Diaspora Jew, I have the uneasy feeling that many of my generation, children of Holocaust survivors, are complacent in our overall approach and understanding of world events. Those who came out of the death camps of Europe brought with them a "raging silence." They were shell-shocked and mute, and could not impart meaning to words to those who could not understand. So we learned to not make waves, and not to question; to fit in to this modern society and be like the others. Some of us did this by rushing to strive for comfort and fulfilling our needs, while assimilating into the large North American vacuum. We are perilously close to forgetting our true roots. The sad, or rather ironic point is anti-Semitism is continuing to spread, and will do so; sometimes fueled by our actions, sometimes by our inaction.

What is the solution? We have always been considered outsiders, and considered different. Is this such a terrible perspective? Looking in from the outside makes one question; makes one sharp. So now that we accept that we are different, the better we are. I am not suggesting we isolate ourselves from the world. This would be wrong on to many levels. Rather, to be cognizant of our past roots, and live on from there. This is the way to face ourselves, God, and others, and to live life with liberty, courage, and truth.

**Perry Greenbaum**
**Montreal**

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### NO APOLOGY NEEDED

I have no idea what Gary Lewis expects from his fellow Jewish citizens. (*The CJN*, July 22). Had it not been for comments made by many of the black community's leaders the Jewish community would not have been involved in any issue at all.

Blacks can feel any way they want to about *Show Boat*, but it is their comments linking Jews to *Show Boat* that have created the current conflict. Why does Lewis expect Jewish people to rush to show support for this trivial matter? Are Jews supposed to go running all over the place every time another Jew (even one from 80 years ago) is involved in some controversy and some radicals link it to Jews? How mahy blacks have taken the time to publicly condemn the vicious comments made by their more radical colleagues?

A black newspaper published a brutal anti-Jewish tirade. And yet, Lewis expects us to boycott *Show Boat?* Did it ever occur to Lewis that just maybe, *Show Boat* isn't a racist production but just entertainment and that the vociferous babblings of radical black leaders are not reflective of the thinking of the black community nor enough justification for the Jewish community to get down on their collective knees to beg forgiveness for absolutely NOTHING?

**Steven Gurian**
**Toronto**

# Opinion

# Washington's Holocaust Museum stirs controversy

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Everyone is talking about the new Holocaust Museum in Washington. The first question always is, "How and when did you get your ticket?" (Entrance is free, but with 4,000 visitors a day you have to have your admission cards ready.)

I haven't as yet had a chance to see it, but I have had plenty of reports from friends who have, and from written critiques. Most of these have been not only favorable but literally enthusiastic. Nothing like this has been achieved before, they say, and the daily crowds seem to bear out this judgment. My friends who have been there found the visit gripping and unforgettable. "Everyone must see it," they say; "a powerful antidote to the Holocaust deniers," they add.

But there are dissenting voices. As will happen when most people say "Great!" those who disagree will be given special attention. Gerda Frieberg, godmother of the Shoah museum in Toronto and chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, was thoughtful enough to let me see the most extensive of these critiques.

It is a full nine-page essay by Philip Gourevitch, which appeared in the July issue of *Harper's*, America's oldest (founded in 1850) and still most prestigious magazine. Gourevitch is the editor of *Forward*, the English successor of the Yiddish daily, *Forverts*.

He writes that he arrived at the opening ceremonies with high expectations, given the enormous hype the institution had received beforehand and by the panoply of dignitaries that attended, from President Bill Clinton to foreign potentates, to leaders of the Jewish community, most prominent amongst whom was Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize winner and the world's leading exponent and interpreter of the Holocaust.

Rabbi Plaut

Nonetheless, Gourevitch was disappointed. He didn't like the ceremonies and he didn't like what he saw in the museum once he had a chance to walk through it. There was much he didn't care for, but some particular misgivings stand out.

Start with the president, who in his address said that the museum could serve as "a constant reminder of our duty to build and nurture the institutions of public tranquility" and thereby redeem the deaths of those who died at the hands of the Nazis. Gourevitch was offended by this and called it chutzpah. How could a building "redeem" the deaths of six million? he asks sarcastically.

Methinks he is quibbling. Clinton didn't come close to suggesting that the building was to compensate for the horror and inhumanity the Nazis perpetrated. What he meant was something that all of us have said time and again: "What we owe the dead is to make this a better world, so that a Shoah can never happen again, here or anywhere. Hopefully this building and what it shows will contribute to this goal."

Chutzpah? In reading his piece I concluded that Gourevitch came with a chip on his shoulder, and that the long program, endured by the audience in a cold drizzle, didn't improve his temper.

He went on to criticize Wiesel for challenging the president to do something about the Bosnian tragedy instead of dwelling on the uniqueness of the Jewish experience. He thought that the exhibits themselves were meant to shock rather than to educate. Yes, there was a lot of realism, he said, in fact too much of it. He particularly objected to the masses of naked bodies that were shown before and after their deaths.

He further objected to what he called a "gimmick for audience participation," the I.D. cards issued to visitors upon arrival. Throughout their tour of the museum they are led to identify with the person on that card, and at the end find out whether they survived or were killed.

Gourevitch is certainly entitled to his distaste for this approach, but I have had several people (two children among them) tell me that this is a powerful way to understand the dread and the terror of those days.

Here we come to a central point of the critic's aversion. He claims that the very cruelty the museum displays on its walls and in its videos appeals to the worst feature in the American character: the love for and practice of violence. Americans love violent films and accept violence as a natural part of life. Children practice it on each other, with guns and with language, and so do adults. Life is cheapened, and when you see so much slaughter in the museum you come away seeing nothing at all. There isn't all that noticeable a difference between the exhibits inside and the reality outside.

Do we then, according to Gourevitch, need this kind of museum at all? No, he says. A museum must celebrate life and not death. And he adds another observation: Why does this museum stand on the so prominent a spot in the Washington landscape? Doesn't it in effect single out the Jews as that people in the world whose major remembrance is not what they achieved but how they died?

Here, the critic makes his major point. In one of the world's prime locations Jewish fate is presented to the public, and that fate is death. Is this what we wanted of a museum such as this?

I am now doubly intent on seeing it for myself. I had tickets for the opening, but could not attend. But I hope to make up for it, and after I do I will report to you on my impressions.

# *U.S. sailors have good reason to remember Haifa*

By CARL ALPERT

The elderly Haifa couple, living in a rundown flat, were taken aback when they opened their front door and a squad of smiling American sailors marched in. With hardly a word, the men went to work. They repaired a leaky faucet, whitewashed the grimy walls, reconnected a faulty light fixture, and in general saw to it that the living quarters were made comfortable and more pleasant. And with a smile they were off to their next destination.

It sounds like a strange mission for the U.S. Navy, but there's a long story behind it. Haifa is no stranger to the Navy. Some 40 to 50 ships a year put in here, and as many as 50,000 sailors and marines spend their shore leave in Israel. One aircraft carrier alone has a crew of over 5,000. What the sailors do here, and what they think of Haifa and Israel is a story in itself, and it revolves around the USO headquarters located atop Mt Carmel.

The tales of local hospitality have spread far and wide in the Navy, and the sailors look forward eagerly to their visit. When they reminisce they recall their tours of the country, the sports program, the visits to Kibbutzim and Druze villages, the receptions, the home hospitality and yes, the girls too. They go horseback riding on the Carmel, they milk cows in a kibbutz, they dance with the girls, they go to shows. There are visits to a winery, holiday events, birthday celebrations and what not.

Yes, the American sailors have good reason to remember their visits to Haifa, so well organized by the local USO — but it's not all a one-way street. They want to show their appreciation for the warm welcome here, and so they often organize teams to reciprocate. They go to orphanages, community centres, schools for handicapped children, where they not only entertain the youngsters, but also do necessary electrical work, paint jobs and repairs as needed. Elderly Haifa residents have been among the beneficiaries.

Orders from the captain? Assigned duties? Not at all, we were assured. On shore leave the men's time is their own, and they happily pitch in to return the warmth and kindness shown them.

Their good deeds led one writer here to report that they were "angels," playing on the Hebrew words for sailor and angel, which are phonetically almost identical.

Presiding over the Haifa USO is Gilla Gerzon, sometimes termed the "Mother of the Sixth Fleet." She began organizing home hospitality for the wandering sailors on her own about a dozen years ago, and what began as a volunteer labor of love took on full organizational form when the USO asked her to head the post ten years ago. Since then, Gerzon's fame has spread far and wide. When the fleet puts in at a Turkish port, she has often flown up there to organize the shore activities. When the Americans went into Somalia, Gerzon was there too, setting up a hastily makeshift USO to cater to their needs.

The U.S. Navy today is not what it used to be. The vast majority of the crews, from captains to cooks, are intelligent, educated people. A large number are family men, who miss their own children, and get a lump in their throats when they play with the youngsters here.

Beyond the routine daily activity, there's always something exciting going on. One sailor brought ashore his priest chaplain, and from the USO offices a telephone connection was made with his girl friend in Virginia. Vows were exchanged, and the marriage performed via telephone. Since the ceremony took place in Israel, Gerzon insisted that the groom must step on a glass as well.

Once, on board a navy ship, she noted a small group of officers who, obviously on free time, did not go ashore. They explained they were exchange officers from the Tunisia Navy, and did not feel they would be welcome. She quickly made all arrangements and saw to it that the Israel Navy made their shore leave pleasant.

Officers are always welcome, of course, but the very special attention is given to the enlisted men, we were told by Gerzon's competent assistant, Hedy Yanai.

A former Ethiopian, now an American citizen and sailor, was entertained at the home of Ethiopian Jews here, spoke Amharic with them and partook of Ethiopian gastronomic delights.

USO volunteers, together with a group of Jewish War Veterans from Netanya, went aboard a ship, took over the galley, and cooked a traditional Sabbath meal, with chicken soup and matzah balls.

Gerzon pays tribute to the more than 60 Israelis in Haifa and around the country who pitch in to create the warm and hospitable spirit.

There are USO centres at 42 ports worldwide, in addition to U.S. army and air force bases everywhere, but Haifa has come to occupy a special place in the hearts of the servicemen and women.

Haifa USO reflects Israel at its best, serving as a public relations centre, a diplomatic mission, a tourist attraction and, best of all, a warm family contact for thousands of men far from their homes.

# It's been exhilarating settling into our new life

By ELAINE KAHN

It's been five months since I've written anything but letters. That period, from my grandmother Kahn's death to her unveiling, has been both horrendous and exhilarating for me and my family, leaving little space for introspection and none for creativity.

All our attention and energy has been poured into deciding on a new community, arranging all the details of immigration, home, school and so on. I still get the urge to pick up the phone and discuss it all with Grandma and it hurts that she can't find out how this particular chapter has turned out. But I know she'd be absolutely delighted with our destination: South Orange, N.J. Because, for one thing, her oldest surviving friend lives in the area.

I don't usually talk in terms of bashert (fate), but so many strands of our life knit together in the part of New Jersey known as The Oranges (East, South, West and Orange itself) that preordination is a tempting idea. My husband is already working on a text: "Once upon a time — or around 1910 — in a small German town, two little girls named Elsa and Carola met at school and became friends . . ."

Well, Elsa and her family moved to Jersey and mine came to Canada, but that's leaving out a step. When the Nazis forbade Jewish children to attend public schools, all the Jewish kids in my family's village and those nearby began attending the Jewish school in Darmstadt. Which is where Elsa's son Herman became friends with my father. And Herman lives in West Orange.

While my husband studied for the rabbinate at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York, Herman and his wife were our surrogate parents, a third set of grandparents for Sara and Rachel. They live within walking distance of our new house.

Elaine Kahn

And the best friend I made while living in New York is now married, has two kids and lives in West Orange.

My closest friend in Toronto serves on an international committee that meets in Manhattan. Once we'd signed the offer on our new home, we discovered the owner chairs that committee. A week later, I learned that my oldest friend in the world knows the assistant rabbi at my husband's new shul — he's an old camp friend of the man in her life.

And there's more. In each of the last three years of Shaareh Haim's existence in Richmond Hill, there was an auxiliary High Holiday service, presided over by a JTS student. The first student worked on a scholarly project with the rabbi my husband is succeeding; the second became that rabbi's son-in-law; the third is the daughter of that rabbi's (now my husband's) secretary.

That rabbi, Alexander Shapiro, z"l, was an influence in my life without me knowing him anything more than casually. Over a decade ago, around the time my father had a heart attack, Rabbi Shapiro published a piece about his own first heart attack and how it had taught him to slow down and appreciate life more. I sent my father a copy.

I don't think he's paid enough attention and I don't think Rabbi Shapiro did either, unfortunately — he died last fall at 62. He'd been at the shul for 22 years, the 6th rabbi in its 135-year history.

I'm not going to kid you — this has been the worst year of my life. But I'm also not going to kid you about something else, as self-justifying as it may sound. The four of us are really looking forward to this change in our lives.

The new congregation is a hive of activity, with over a dozen active committees each planning about a dozen programs a year for its 700 families. The kids' new school is one of less than a handful of Conservative high schools in existence, in a brand-new building in a park-like setting. Our house is in an area that looks like Toronto's Forest Hill.

My job hunt will wait till after yom tov and I'm more than a little scared about trying to break into the world's most competitive media market (our part of New Jersey is essentially a bedroom for Manhattan). But things are really looking wonderful.

Before I go, some thank you notes. First of all, to you who are reading this, thanks for giving me the chance to share very particular kinds of ideas and stories I would not have been able to relate to others. And I want to thank my parents, who've been right there through every nuance of our life this year, good or bad. And I really want to thank our friends, near and far, for taking care of us so well. I never knew there were so many of you and it's been humbling.

The bulk of my gratitude, though (and for once I speak for my husband also) goes to Rachel and Sara who, this past year no less than before, continued to defy stereotypes. Don't believe everything you read, ladies and gentlemen. Human beings need not turn into constantly raging, selfish masses of irrational hormone-driven flesh just because they become teenagers. It is possible for a teenager to remain responsive, intelligent, funny and very loving, even under the most trying circumstances. We know, because we're blessed with two like that.

Who will one day learn to clean up their rooms and look both ways before crossing a street.

From Larry, Sara, Rachel and I, best wishes for a very good and sweet year. And l'hitraot.

## Features

# They survived a Scud attack

*In Tel Aviv, Sheldon Kirshner meets a retired Israeli couple whose home was damaged by an Iraqi Scud missile during the 1991 Gulf War.*

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Zvi Tivoni, 71, and his wife, Rifka, 65, lived through the worst experience of their lives when a wayward Scud crashed into the pavement 15 metres from their apartment building in Ramat Hatayasim and all but wrecked their flat.

The thunderous explosion shattered their windows, left gaping holes in their roof, brought down much of their ceiling and several walls, pulverized their car parked on the street and carved out a gaping crater on the sidewalk.

As if they had not been sufficiently pummelled, the skies opened up the following day, with rain soaking virtually all their possessions, including Zvi Tivoni's prized stamp collection.

This was a particularly capricious blow. In 1939, on the eve of his emigration from his native Czechoslovakia, he had been forced to part with his first stamp collection, never to see it again.

But for all their property losses, the Tivonis were comparatively lucky.

Two of their immediate neighbors were hurt by flying glass, and in nearby Ramat Chen, a man was killed when the impact of a Scud threw him through a wall.

By contrast, the Tivonis emerged physically unscathed, although the memory of it is burned deeply into their souls.

When the Scud struck, they were holed up in a sealed room, one storey beneath their more vulnerable top-floor apartment, in Rifka Tivoni's sister's flat, which largely escaped damage.

They had moved there on Jan. 19, in the wake of the first Iraqi Scud barrage against Israel. Zvi Tivoni had correctly calculated that their relatively soft tile roof would be crushed if it was hit by a missile.

But for all his precautions, he did not expect to become a victim of a Scud.

"We never imagined it," said Tivoni, a retired post office district manager and veteran of the British and Israeli armies. "All our military experts said it couldn't happen."

But on Friday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m., with Tivoni and his wife seated on a sofa, the unimaginable happened.

A Scud, which had probably been aimed at Israeli military headquarters a few kilometres away, veered off course and landed smack in the middle of the Tivonis' quiet, lower middle-class residential neighborhood, injuring 25 persons, wrecking 10 homes and setting 25 cars ablaze.

With American satellites tracking the flight paths of Iraq's Scuds, Israel was not entirely surprised, or unprepared, by the missiles bearing down on its territory.

The Tivonis had several minutes' warning of the impending disaster. They heard a telltale signal on Kol Israel radio, then the wail of a siren, and thus knew that a Scud was heading in their general direction.

After the Scud slammed into the ground, a loud explosion shook their building. Immediately, they left their sealed room, which they hated, and descended the staircase.

Outside, in the chaos and confusion, Tivoni smelled gas. He may have panicked, thinking the Iraqis had resorted to chemical warfare. But he quickly realized that gas pipes had been punctured by the blast.

The Tivonis fled to a park close by, and spent that night with a relative. The next morning, they returned to survey the scene of destruction, and Rifka Tivoni cried.

It would not be the last time. For weeks after that, she broke down in crying fits and suffered from nightmares. It may have scarred her for life.

Tivoni claims he took it calmly, but his wife disagrees.

"He was so angry. You said, 'Where is God?' You forget this. You were very nervous."

The Tivonis were evacuated to a military convalescent home near Hadera, where they remained for three months. "We were given the best possible treatment," recalled Tivoni. "It really helped us a lot."

At the end of May, after a month-long stay in a Tel Aviv hotel, they went back to Ramat Hatayasim.

They repaired the damage with government funds, but couldn't replace priceless bric-a-brac they had lovingly accumulated over a lifetime.

"We had a home," lamented Rifka Tivoni. "Now we have a house."

"It isn't as cozy and nice as before," Zvi Tivoni admitted. "It's cold."

Not surprisingly, Tivoni is anything but enamored of Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi ruler. "I'm disgusted by him, but it's not hatred. When I see his picture, I see red." To this day, he deeply resents Saddam's April 1990 threat to "burn half of Israel."

He remains convinced that Israel did the right thing by not retaliating.

"The United States and the Arabs were bound in a coalition against Iraq, and it would have fallen apart had we intervened. How could this have been of benefit to Israel?

"Besides, we were led to believe that the U.S. air force had inflicted heavy damage on Iraq. Only later did we learn that this was not necessarily true."

In his view, the Bush administration erred in declaring a unilateral ceasefire.

"The United States should not have stopped the war when it did. The American army could have destroyed Saddam's regime. The United States should have marched into Baghdad. It's a job that hasn't been finished."

Asked how Israel should react if it is attacked by Arab missiles again in the future, he replied: "It all depends on the circumstances. But I think the Arabs know Israel can retaliate, with heavy losses for them. If Israel is put into an intolerable situation, it would hit back."

Could it happen again? Tivoni paused and, after a moment's reflection, said, "Here, in the Middle East, nothing is impossible."

Zvi and Rifka Tivoni. [Sheldon Kirshner photo].

## The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

*They died recently, leaving footprints in the sand...*

**Abram Sachar** was the founding president of Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. A historian born to immigrant parents in New York City, Sachar led Brandeis for two decades beginning in 1948. Under his direction, it became a major institution of higher learning, with more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate students and a faculty of 360. Sachar, with a doctorate from Cambridge University, headed the National Hillel Foundation before Brandeis. He wrote several books, notably *A History of the Jews* and *Factors in Jewish History*.

**William Niederland** was a psychoanalyst who coined the phrase "survivor syndrome" with respect to Holocaust survivors. Himself a refugee from Nazi Germany, he formulated that expression in 1961 after extensive contacts with survivors and victims of car accidents and natural disasters. Born in East Prussia, the son of a rabbi, Niederland earned medical degrees in Germany and Italy. He arrived in New York City in 1940, went into private practice and later was a staff psychiatrist at the Mount Sinai Medical Centre in Manhattan.

**Norton Simon** was a business titan and a renowned art collector. His father, Myer, owned a department store in Portland, Ore., where he was born. After dropping out of the University of California, he acquired a sheet-metal company in Los Angeles. He then bought an orange juice bottling company, which he later sold to Hunt Brothers Packing. He bought stock in Hunt, a conglomerate, and eventually seized control of the billion dollar corporation. His vast art holdings, worth tens of millions dollars, are housed in the Norton Simon Museum of Art in Pasadena, Ca.

## In memorium

**Irving Howe** was a literary critic and a chronicler of Jewish life. He was the founding editor of *Dissent* magazine, a liberal journal he edited for almost 40 years. He and the Yiddish poet, Eliezer Greenberg, collaborated in a long project to translate Yiddish prose and literature into English. In the mid-1970s, he wrote *World Of Our Fathers*, the award-winning book which told the story of Eastern European Jewish immigration to the United States. Howe, the son of a grocer, was born in the East Bronx, graduated from City College and earned his livelihood as a book reviewer after being demobilized from the army in 1944. He wrote biographies of Sherwood Anderson, William Faulkner and Leon Trotsky, and his autobiography, *A Margin of Hope*, was published in 1982. In 1954, he accepted a teaching position at City University of New York, which he held until 1986.

**Hans Lowey**, a self-taught "kitchen chemist," revolutionized oral medication by developing slow-action pills. He is best known for time-release nitroglycerin tablets, used by angina patients. Lowey, a Viennese Jew, emigrated from Austria after a near-fatal brush with the Nazis. He was the founder of Forest Laboratories in New York City. After his retirement, he continued his pharmaceutical research, and recently, he was hard at work trying to develop a stomach-coating pill to help sufferers of colitis.

**Peter Fleischmann** was president and chairman of *The New Yorker* for many years. His father, Raoul, co-founded the magazine in 1925 with Harold Ross. *The New Yorker* thrived under his presidency, but revenues declined in the early 1980s. In 1985 he sold it to Samuel Newhouse's Advance Publications for $142 million, and retired the following year.

**Pinky Lee**, whose name was originally Pincus Leff, was a vaudeville comic. His TV program, *The Pinky Lee Show*, was popular in the early days of television. He intended to become a lawyer, but abandoned that idea when his classmates ridiculed his lisp. By the late 1940s, his lisp was such an integral part of his stage persona that he asked Lloyd's of London to insure it. After his network TV career ended, he appeared on children's shows in Los Angeles and in vaudeville-style reviews around the United States.

# *Big Apple attracts Soviets*

By STEWART AIN

Former Soviet Jews will nudge out Dominicans for the second straight year as the largest immigrant group settling in New York City, city officials expect.

Until 1991, Dominican immigration to New York City had been unsurpassed for more than 20 years.

A spokeswoman for the New York Association for New Americans (NYANA) said the number of former Soviet Jews who resettled in the city last year hit an all-time high of 21,620. And NYANA, which handles the resettlement here of Jews from around the world, says that most of those Soviet Jews are interested in learning about their Jewish heritage.

Frank Vardy, a demographer in the Department of City Planning's population division, said figures for Dominican immigration will not be available for another month. But he believes the gap between the two groups will widen as more and more former Soviet Jews relocate to the city and Dominican immigration remains constant.

In 1991, the latest year for which figures for both groups are available, 17,537 former Soviet Jews relocated in the five boroughs, the Department of City Planning found. This compares to 17,057 Dominicans who resettled here that year.

About 47 percent of ex-Soviet Jews who immigrate to the United States settle in New York, according to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, an international Jewish migration agency.

Vardy said he expects Soviet Jews to continue to be the largest immigrant group in coming years as well.

Deprived of Jewish learning in their homeland, most of the immigrants now seek to discover their past, according to NYANA's director of acculturation services, Patricia Cipora Harte.

"If we had more liberal day schools with scholarships available, we'd have a higher percentage of Soviet Jews in day schools," she said. "I'd guess the percentage who attend day schools now may be as high as 20 to 25 percent."

In response to this interest, NYANA, using $5,000 in seed money from UJA-Federation of New York, last year developed a curriculum with CLAL — the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership to teach a volunteer group of about 100 immigrants about their Jewish identity.

Harte said the program, which consisted of five one-hour sessions, was so successful that it will now become a basic part of the English language class given to all immigrants. This would be in addition to the bilingual Jewish holiday booklet and Jewish calendar already distributed. And it complements a one-hour video presentation featuring a wide variety of Jewish subjects.

She said that based upon the "very positive response" these classes have received, she believes many of the immigrants will continue Jewish studies with community-based Jewish organizations.

"There is really a tremendous amount of excitement about these programs, contrary to what a lot of people might think," said Harte.

Vardy said that although Dominican immigration has remained relatively stable over the years, the collapse of the Soviet empire produced a surge of emigration. In 1988, for instance, 977 former Soviet Jews settled in the city. The number rose to 2,726 the following year and to 8,278 in 1990, then doubled in 1991.

An analysis of the 1991 Soviet immigration, Vardy said, found that the largest number, 13,598, settled in Brooklyn. Of those, 2,330 moved to Brighton Beach, 1,564 to Bath Beach, 1,515 to Homecrest, 1,305 to the Parkville section of Bensonhurst, 1,284 to Gravesend and 1,924 to Midwood.

Another 2,844 settled in Queens. Of those, 537 went to Forest Hills, 527 to Rego Park, 224 to Kew Gardens, 219 to Jackson Heights, 248 to Flushing and 139 to Richmond Hill.

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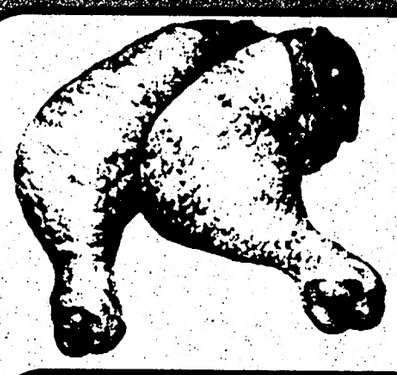

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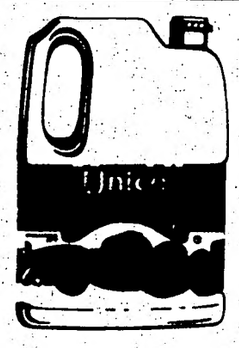

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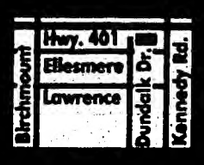


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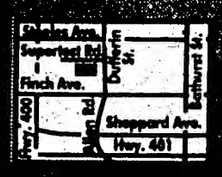


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# Soviet Jew gives thanks for new life

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Mary Ioffe doesn't want to think about her past life in Kiev. "It's just as dangerous for Jews there now as it was under the Communist regime, but now it is underground and unofficial," she says.

Instead she is happy to have realized a dream of 15 years--to come to Canada, where she and her husband, Vladimir, son, Alexander, 34, and daughter, Julia, 23, have settled in Toronto.

"Canada is a safe and beautiful country," Ioffe said. "We came here to protect our next generation. My father missed his chance to come here with relatives, but we didn't want to make the same mistake. Where these relatives are in Canada, or what their names are, I don't know. My parents have since died in Kiev and I was an only child. My home is in Canada now."

The Ioffes and Florence and Fred Robinson are in the Family-to-Family project of the Community Integration Program. The Robinsons hosted the Russian family at a seder and arranged for them to attend High Holy Day services at Holy Bossom Temple. They share an interest in music. Mary Ioffe is a music teacher and pianist, specializing in children ages three to six, while son Alexander is a violinist, though his dytime job is as a programmer at the Royal Bank, and daugher Julia is an accomplished pianist who works as a sales clerk at Yorkdale Plaza. She is also preparing for evening courses at York University.

## Interest in music

The Robinsons aided the Russian family's adjustment to Canadian life in another practical way--they hosted an evening for friends to hear performances by the mother and daughter, resulting in a few new pupils for the mother.

"After a long discussion my family decided to go to the first seder at the Robinsons," Ioffe recalled. "Why did we have to have a discussion? We had doubts because we couldn't understand why strange people invited us, people whom they had never seen before, to visit them. We were very excited when the day came, and we went gladly.

"That day was remarkable for all of us. It was not only the first Passover in our lives, it was the beginning of our friendship with the Robinsons. From that time on, this couple became like parents to us, our best, older friends."

For information on the Family-to-Family program call director Trudy Schecter, 631-5680.

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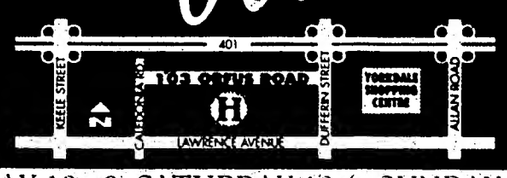


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# Organizations and People

# N.B. professor heads to Israel to write on anti-Semitism

By JOEL JACOBSON

HALIFAX — Tom Kuttner has always been troubled by anti-Semitism and the Holocaust.

His immediate family members were refugees from Nazi Germany who settled in the United States. Many members of his extended family died in the Holocaust.

"I'm personally affronted by the resurgence of anti-Semitism and by Holocaust denial," said the University of New Brunswick law professor, who has immersed himself in the study of anti-Semitic events.

Last month, Kuttner, his wife Loretta and the youngest of their three children, 12-year old David, left their Fredericton home to spend Tom's sabbatical year in Israel.

Their other children will meet up with them in Israel. Stephanie, 22, a third-year political science student at UNB, will do a winter semester, while her brother Ben, 18, is already enrolled in the Desert Studies Program at Beersheva's Ben Gurion University.

Tom Kuttner

A native of Washington, D.C., Kuttner came to Canada in 1964 and earned undergraduate and law degrees at University of Toronto. He has been teaching labor law at UNB since 1979.

For the next year, the 46-year-old professor will be a visiting scholar at Tel Aviv University. "The Weiner Library houses the biggest collection of anti-Semitic material from Nazi Germany and a large collection on the Holocaust," he said in a telephone interview from his Fredericton office.

He said he will write scholarly material on the legal control of anti-Semitism. He was involved as an advisor to the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission in the Malcolm Ross case. Ross, a Moncton school teacher and Holocaust denier, was suspended by the courts from teaching in the provincial system.

Kuttner and his wife last visited Israel as university graduate students in 1969. "It was the first year of our marriage," he said. "Now, 25 years later, we're going back."

Loretta Kuttner is a second language learning evaluator. She will do research in Israel, a major centre for second language learning because of its large number of immigrants.

**TEAM UJA**

**Fifty-Five members of the United Jewish Appeal professional cabinet volunteers met former Toronto Blue Jay turned sportscaster Buck Martinez at a game at SkyDome recently. The professional divisions cabinet is comprised of volunteers who work in the accounting, education, dental, law, dental hygienist, community service and medical fields, The cabinet hopes to raise more than $6.5 million of the UJA campaign's $40 million goal. Seen here with Martinez (centre) are cabinet co-chairs Eric Bornstein (left) and Saul Kendal.**

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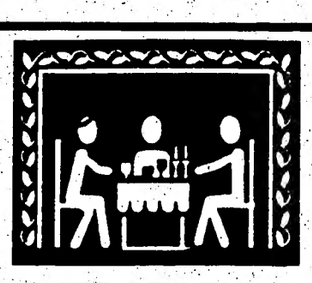

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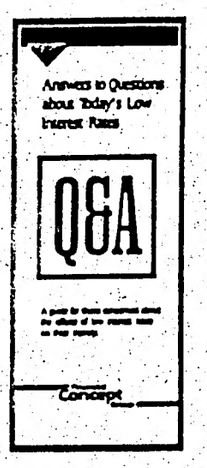


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## Organizations and People

# KKK representative agrees to end hate phone messages

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A Scarborough, Ont. representative of the National Knights Network of the Ku Klux Klan has agreed to stop offering telephone messages that expose identifiable groups to hatred or contempt.

Kevin Lew recently agreed to the consent order after complaints were registered with the Canadian Human Rights Commission by three parties, including Canadian Jewish Congress. Other complainants included the Urban Alliance on Race Relations and Toronto city councillor Kyle Rae.

Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Congress, said Congress' complaint, which was filed on Jan. 12, focused on three messages. On Nov. 18, 1992, Lew's message stated that, "At least Malcolm X knew what the Jews were up to which is more than you can say for the average Joe Sixpack."

A second message less than a week later said: "Did you ever notice how many survivors there are? Those Nazis sure must have been pretty inefficient."

Rae complained about messages that attacked homosexuals while the Urban Alliance's complaint focused on those that attacked blacks.

Farber called the consent order an important precedent: "It becomes an order of the Federal Court and it means that case law continues to be built around hate lines. That means the chances are better for shutting these lines down."

Congress was also involved in a complaint against the white supremacist Heritage Front and its leader, Wolfgang Droege. A Federal Court recently reserved judgment on an allegation that Droege was in contempt of court by violating a consent order that he refrain from offering telephone messages that expose identifiable groups to hatred or contempt.

Seen on the Bonds tour is (from left) tour co-ordinator Barry Finer, Eliezer Ayalon and fellow survivor Felix Opotowski at Auschwitz.

# Survivor returns to his past as he leads tour through camps

TORONTO — For Eliezer Ayalon, nightmares are part of his past and his profession.

Ayalon is not an ordinary Israeli tour guide. He's a Holocaust survivor who leads Jewish visitors through Poland's concentration camp sites.

When Ayalon conducted a concentration camp tour this summer for a State of Israel Bonds delegation from Canada, the participants relived his first-hand horror.

"He pointed out the gas chambers and the nozzles which you can't really see in the ceiling. The whole thing took on reality and he lived through it," said Jacques Vogler, a Bonds account executive in Toronto.

The trip, sponsored by the Bonds Construction and Development Division, visited Krakow, the Warsaw ghetto and Auschwitz/Birkenau, before moving on to Israel.

Delegation member Mark Freedman throught he was ready for the experience until he arrived at the camps with Ayalon.

"Nothing prepared me for the overwhelming emotions of grief and despair at the site of row upon row of barracks, displays of thousands of pairs of shoes, eyeglasses and other personal effects," Freedman said.

For Ayalon, who lived through five concentration camps as a teenager, this was his fifth trip back to Poland and his third visit as a tour leader. It's difficult, he said in an interview from his Jerusalem home, to maintain a professional composure.

"The first time I broke . . . it always comes back, but I'm ready to return."

What struck many Bonds delegation participants most, said tour co-organizer Barry Zagdanski, is the contrast between "1,000 years of history destroyed in Poland," and the dynamism of modern Israel.

One day they were in Auschwitz and the next day at the Kotel in Jerusalem.

"Within 24 hours we revisited Jewish history," Zagdanski said.

# Edmonton Jews form kollel to preserve Jewish roots

TORONTO — Is assimilation a socio-statistical blip or are we witnessing the onset of a spiritual Holocaust?

This was the question raised last year at a social get-together in Edmonton. Noting the 50 percent intermarriage in North America, participants in the discussion decided to form a kollel to help preserve basic Jewish tenets and roots in Edmonton.

Ten young Israeli rabbis and their families arrived in Edmonton mid-May to form the kollel. Mostly of North American background, these scholars were selected by Rabbi Shaye Portnoy of Jerusalem. In addition to their Talmudic studies, they will help increase Jewish identification and commitment by offering educational programs to academic and business circles and the community in general. The kollel is headed by reknowned scholar Rabbi Moshe Hersch.

To further strengthen the small Orthodox community in Edmonton, there are plans to open a Beth Yacov school for girls and an elementary yeshiva for boys aged nursery to junior high.

Rabbi Shlomo Miller of Toronto's Kollel Avreichim will be making regular visits to the Edmonton Orthodox community to inspire members.

The kollel is funded strictly through private donations. Those interested in helping fund this worthwhile endeavour, please contact Nouriel Aryeh at (416) 783-6500.

### CORRECTION

An article in the Community Focus supplement (*CJN*, August 26) referred to Rabbi Dow Marmur as head of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism.

In fact, Austin Beutel is president of that organization. Rabbi Marmur is chair of the Reform Rabbis of Greater Toronto.


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# Organizations and People

## JSU president Scheininger hopes to tap Jewish potential...

By FRANCES KRAFT

**TORONTO** — "There is a lot of potential for Jewish involvement at the University of Toronto," says Pam Scheininger, new president of its Jewish Student Union (JSU).

Scheininger, 19, hopes to tap that potential in the coming year by fostering a strong Jewish identity and a sense of pride among the university's 3,000 Jewish students.

Her task is made difficult, she notes, by the large number of commuter students and the location of the JSU house at 604 Spadina Ave., just the wrong side of the St. George campus' Spadina Avenue border.

In addition to encouraging a strong Jewish identity, Scheininger includes among her priorities dealing with anti-Semitism and hate groups on campus.

Anti-Semitism is an issue of concern at U of T, especially in the wake of last year's anti-Semitic graffiti and a U of T radio interview with leaders of the white supremacist Heritage Front. "I don't think anti-Semitism is something you feel walking around campus," said Scheininger, "but I feel it's bad in terms of [what happened last year]."

Scheininger is hoping to implement formal coalition building between the JSU and other student groups on campus in the coming year.

Pam Scheininger

The new president, who is entering her second year as a political science student, has plans for a law career with a focus on women's rights. She notes that this year's JSU executive includes a women's officer to deal with women's issues in Judaism which have not been previously addressed within the student organization.

JSU was involved in an interfaith women's conference at U of T last year, and there has been a women's prayer group on campus since 1991.

Scheininger looks forward to working with her new executive. "It is a really diverse group," she says. "There are five Orthodox students [out of about 15], but the committees are mainly made up of people who are not Orthodox. We want to get [people from a variety of backgrounds] involved."

JSU, like many Jewish student organizations, is fighting a double stereotype. A common perception of people who are not involved is that the group is "nerdy" and more geared to Orthodox students. "I hope to change the image of the JSU, make students feel welcome and a part of JSU. I think you combat [negative stereotypes] with active members who are involved in other things on campus." Scheininger credited her predecessor, Shawn Langer, with having done "a lot of good work in terms of changing the JSU's image."

Scheininger has held leadership positions in National Council of Synagogue Youth (NCSY), North American High School Organization Network (NAHON), and the Bnei Akiva Youth Movement. She was student council vice-president at Ulpanat Orot, and served last year as political action co-chair at JSU.

## ...as JSF leader Meisels plans to expand outreach programs

**TORONTO** — When Menahem Neuer, program director at York University's Jewish Student Federation (JSF), told Susie Meisels to "do something about it" rather than complain about the JSF, she took his words to heart.

The 1993-94 JSF president who wouldn't go into JSF as a first-year student in 1991, became actively involved in working on last year's Israel festival because she felt that it could be done on a larger scale than in previous years to attract more students.

Meisels is studying sociology and plans to pursue a combined law degree and MSc in Environmental Studies.

She would like to see more students become involved in JSF. "A lot of secular Jews feel it's just an Orthodox place to hang out," she said recently. "Once I got involved, I found my stereotype was incorrect. I felt very comfortable. It wasn't cliquey. It's a regular student hangout — with phones."

As part of her outreach plans, Meisels intends to organize programs together with other organizations at the university and at other schools. "I strongly feel that if we broaden our horizons a little, secular students will feel more welcome," she said.

Susie Meisels

"[Another] of my goals is to reach the non-Jewish university community and the students who haven't had much contact with Jews. I want them to realize that [negative] stereotypes aren't true."

At least one student was concerned that Meisels' joint programming idea might promote interdating. "I don't agree," she said. "It will introduce Jewish students to a lot more non-Jewish students, but that happens in a university. [If students are going to attend a program sponsored by a non-Jewish organization], they might as well do it with us." She is hopeful that such programs will attract more of the university's 3,000 Jewish students to the JSF.

"We have a lot of Jewish programming that instills Jewish pride," said Meisels. Although Meisels is not religious, she describes herself as "very Zionistic" and has a strong Jewish background, she told *The CJN*. She attended Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT) until Grade 11, and recently returned from a six-week Canadian Zionist Federation trip to Israel.

A welcoming committee is being planned for this year to welcome new students who come into JSF, which is located on the fourth floor of the Student Centre, Room 442.

This year marks a major turnover in the student executive at JSF, because a number of last year's active students are no longer in Toronto. Said Meisels, "Last year's executive is a hard act to follow, but I think we can do it. We're inexperienced, but we make up for it with eagerness."

— F.K.

## Clowns, jugglers join JCC festival

**TORONTO** — The circus may already have left town, but there'll be plenty of clowns and jugglers on hand to do tricks for visitors at the annual Jewish Community Centre (JCC) Open House and Family Fall Festival, on Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the centre's northern branch on Bathurst Street.

The annual event is designed to showcase the facility and entertain kids of all ages. Visitors, whether they are members or not, will be able to tour the branch and enjoy use of the swimming pool and health club; they'll be able to tour the Koffler Gallery and the Leah Posluns Theatre; and there will be a petting zoo for kids to enjoy.

### *Live band*

A live band will provide musical entertainment and the athletically-inclined can watch NBA wannabes put on a demonstration of three-on-three basketball.

The JCC will be offering a special two-for-one promotion to encourage visitors to join the centre. The promotion applies to both new members and current members.

"We want to make sure the Jewish community is aware that we've been in business for 90 years and that it's a stable [organization]," said JCC spokesman Harold Cipin. Cipin noted that the JCC is stressing its use as an athletic facility and is providing new rhythmic gymnastics programs, funky aerobics classes as well as low impact/high cardio fitness classes.

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# Former tennis great Solomon makes name off the courts

By MARVIN GLASSMAN

**TORONTO** — Are there any heroes left in professional sports? It appears that hardly a day goes by without the threat of player strikes, contract disputes or athletes charging a fee just to sign an autograph. Athletes project an image of "the public be damned," making it difficult to believe there used to be a time when athletes were role models for society.

So, it was inspiring a few weeks ago when former tennis great Harold Solomon came to town for the $950,000 Matinee Ltd. International Canadian Open held at the National Tennis Centre at York University.

From 1972 to 1986, Solomon won 22 tournaments, earned close to $2 million in prize money, represented the United States twice in Davis Cup play and was ranked number five in the world in 1980. A classic baseliner who was termed "the human backboard" for his gritty, grind-it-out style, Solomon was a Top 10 fixture in an era dominated by stars like Bjorn Borg, Jimmy Connors and John McEnroe.

But statistics alone don't measure Solomon's impact. Solomon was an active crusader in the fight against world hunger, a cause he took up while studying political science at Rice University. While on the pro tour, Solomon would play tennis one day and raise funds the next. He organized tennis tournaments to benefit the End World Hunger organization in his hometown of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., attracting celebrity athletes and movie stars.

While president of the Men's Tennis Council from 1979 to 1983, Solomon worked to secure greater prize money in tournaments; greater cooperation between sponsors, players and tournament directors; and corporate support for tennis. This, combined with his charity work, took a toll on his playing. Solomon's ranking dipped below 100 in 1983 and until his retirement in 1986, he never again regained his competitive form.

After retirement, Solomon took over the family business, running six Budget Rent-A-Car offices in Pompano Beach, Fla. Despite his success as an executive, Solomon sold his interests in 1989 to return to the pro tennis circuit.

His comeback at age 38 was not fruitful.

In December 1991, Solomon became coach to tennis star Mary Joe Fernandez. Since then, Fernandez has been a finalist at the 1992 Australian Open, a semi-finalist at the 1992 U.S. Open, and a runner-up at the 1993 French Open.

"There's absolutely no question that Harold is the secret key to my success," Fernandez said. "He taught me the things he did best in his career — playing with a purpose and fighting aggressively as if nothing else matters but winning your match." Fernandez finished as a quarter-finalist at the Matinee tournament, losing to Bulgarian Manuela Maleeva 6-4, 6-4.

Currently ranked seventh on the women's pro circuit, Fernandez seems also to take after her coach in her off-court time. She organized a fundraising tennis tournament last January to aid Hurricane Andrew victims in her hometown of Miami.

"Some people would call it the Harold Solomon influence in my life. I was fortunate; my family was spared from destruction. I felt a need to give back to the victims," said Fernandez.

Solomon has been married for the past 13 years and has two children, a son, Jesse, 7, and a daughter, Rachel, 11.

One of the most significant tournaments that Solomon won was his final one, the Tel Aviv Classic in 1980. "That was memorable, not only because it was my last title, but also because, for so many years, I wanted to visit Israel and learn more about my Jewish roots," he said. "Many of the top players didn't go to Israel because the prize money was sparse, but I considered the tournament too crucial to pass up."

DROP SHOTS . . . Former Canadian tennis player Mike Belkin of Montreal has been inducted into the Canadian Tennis Hall of Fame in Toronto, becoming the first Jewish player to be so honored in the hall's 10-year existence. Belkin, who now lives in Miami, will be formally inducted next January in a ceremony at Tennis Canada. Belkin played for Canada in Davis Cup competition in the late 1960s and was Canada's number one ranked player from 1965 to 1970 . . . This year marked the first year since 1979 that no Jewish women competed at the Canadian Open, even in qualifying. The cut-off for the tournament was at number 150, and no Jewish player met this standard. Jews currently on the women's pro circuit are: Sandra Wasserman of Belgium (No. 108); Yael Segal of Israel (No. 193); Americans Elise Burgin (No. 227) and Amy Schwartz (No. 254); and Britain's Amanda Grunfeld (No. 261) . . . Sabrina Segal of Mississauga won a second place silver medal at the Jeux Canada Games.

**HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY**

**The daily morning minyan at Adath Israel Congregation recently honored Alex Koenigsberg, shammas emeritus, on the occasion of his 75th birthday. He was presented with a set of 25 Torah study books. The money was raised by the morning minyan daveners. Seen here is Koenigsberg and his wife Ida.**

# Jewish drop-in centre opens in Edmonton

By MYRON LOVE

**EDMONTON** — The Edmonton Jewish community's new $470,000 Jewish Adult Drop-In Centre had its official opening on May 16. The three-storey red brick structure near the downtown replaces an old apartment building the seniors group had been operating out of for the past 22 years.

Edmonton's Golden Age Club had been started in 1952 by the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) and is the second oldest in western Canada. In 1970, the late Ben Margolus, a local businessman, sold the seniors group the apartment block for a nominal fee. With that purchase, the seniors became autonomous from the NCJW. They met in the basement of the block and supported their activities through revenues earned from renting the apartments above. Work began on the new building in July, 1992.

The new centre features a large multi-purpose area on the main floor which is attached to a kosher kitchen (pareve-milchik). There is a smaller games/meeting room and office space on the mezzanine and plans to finish the basement to provide storage room and another place for recreational activities.

Alf Simons, a past president of the club and the co-ordinator in constructing the new building, notes that the structure is completely accessible for anyone with a handicap. There are no stairs leading to the front door. A special lift was installed at a cost of $40,000 to enable people in wheelchairs to go from the first to second floor. All bathrooms are handicap accessible.

"We are calling this an Adult Drop-In Centre because we have a lot of 40 to 50-year-olds who don't want to be counted as seniors," Simons says. "We are an almost all-volunteer operation. We only have one office person."

According to program director Rhoda Friedman, a soup, sandwich and coffee for $2.50 program during August proved to be very popular. Bridge and bingo afternoons are running on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively and an opening membership luncheon is scheduled for September.

Simons reports that there are no Jewish seniors residences in Edmonton. A privately-run place in West Edmonton has 27 Jewish tenants who are driven to the centre by volunteers. Many Jewish seniors have moved back to the downtown in recent years to be nearer the synagogue and for greater ease in getting around.

Both Friedman and Simons emphasize that the drop-in centre is open to all members of the community, not just seniors. Hadassah and Na'amat have held luncheons there already. A mamaloshen group has been formed and a Russian club meets every Sunday.

# Jewish meditation leader to address Beth Tzedec

**TORONTO** — Mindy Ribner, the director of the Manhattan Jewish Meditation Circle, will be the scholar-in-residence at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Sept. 10-12.

Ribner will address the congregation Shabbat morning, Motzei Shabbat and Sunday morning at the Brotherhood meeting on the topic of Jewish Meditation.

Jewish meditation can be traced back to the Kabbalah. Kabbalists were those rabbis expelled from Spain during the Spanish Inquisition who returned to Israel, mainly to Safed. There, they established a centre of Jewish mystical learning. Some of their rituals are still in practice today, for example in elements of Kabbalat Shabbat welcoming the Sabbath, and meditation. The Kabbalists wrote that, in addition to prayer, they would meditate for one hour before and after praying in order to be in touch with the divine.

Ribner's intention through teaching Jewish meditation is, "To provide people with the skills and tools necessary to directly experience G-d's presence in their lives. At the same time, helping individuals work through any blocks or resistances they may have in experiencing who they are and their own unique relationship with G-d."


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**Jack Cooper (centre) with boutonniere and native necklace, is shown with (from left) daughter Naomi and son-in-law William Holmes; daughter-in-law Leslee; and wife Josephine following his receipt of the Lescarbot award for cultural volunteer work.**

## Cooper boosts culture in the frozen north

By FRANCES KRAFT

**HAY RIVER, NWT** — Jack Cooper, 53, the patriarch of the only established Jewish family in Hay River, is known for — among other things — his personalized licence plate. The distinctive polar bear-shaped plate with the name "TEVYE" is a pleasant reminder of his portrayal of the lead role in the Hay River Drama Club's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Now Cooper has a new distinction. In May of this year the Grade 7 teacher was presented with the government-sponsored Lescarbot Award for his volunteer work with the drama club. Cooper has been the driving force behind the club for the past decade, during which time it has grown from nine to 100 members. Cooper was also recognized for having brought music and drama into every school in which he has taught.

The award is part of the Communications Canada Cultural Volunteer and Benefactor Recognition Program. It recognizes one volunteer and one benefactor from each federal constituency who have made an outstanding contribution to local cultural expression. Cooper received the award for the Western Arctic riding from MP Ethel Blondin-Andrew.

Cooper, originally from Tillsonburg, Ont., about 30 minutes east of London, moved to the Northwest Territories in 1971 with his wife Josephine and their three children, Steven, Lori (Forbes), and Naomi (Holmes). They've been there ever since, except for a three-year stint in Winnipeg when son Steven was studying for his bar-mitzvah. Hay River, 1,000 km north of Edmonton with a population of 3,000, has been their home since 1977.

The Coopers met through Young Judaea in London, Ont., in 1961, shortly after Josephine had immigrated from England. They spent 12 summers, from 1962 when they were newlyweds to 1974 when they were accompanied by all three children, at Camp Shalom in Gravenhurst, Ont. Jack worked as a unit head and Josephine as a secretary.

Cooper's interest in drama dates back to his student days when he took part in amateur high school productions. "He is the most marvellous choreographer," says Josephine, "although he never had training in choreography."

In addition to *Fiddler on the Roof*, the Hay River Drama Club has also presented such plays as *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, the first of the club's annual productions, *Peter Pan, Finnian's Rainbow, Arsenic and Old Lace, Annie*, and most recently, *Li'l Abner*.

Last year the Coopers were featured on an episode of *It's About Time* on Vision TV, as part of a series on cross-cultural conflicts. On the show, Jack spoke of the respect his family has received from the non-Jewish community.

He, in turn, feels an affinity with his native neighbors. "Jews know what it is to fight for survival," he says.

The Coopers have maintained Jewish traditions — Friday night dinners include blessings over the candles and kiddush over Israeli wine — and they have included their non-Jewish neighbors in seders and Chanukah celebrations.

Although their daughter-in-law and sons-in-law are not Jewish, their 19-month-old granddaughter Maysen (Lori's daughter) is being raised Jewish. "My parents gave us a wonderful foundation," Lori said on last year's TV program.

Jack was quoted in Hay River's weekly newspaper, *The Hub*, following receipt of the Lescarbot award, as saying he associated closely with Tevye's "If I were a rich man" line. "I'm a rich man because of my wonderful family, the town I live in, my friends and the people who surround me," said Jack.

## CFRB makes apology

**TORONTO** — Toronto radio station CFRB and its sports director Bill Stephenson have apologized for an on-air remark in which Stephenson used an anti-Semitic slur.

The remark was uttered when Stephenson commented that, in negotiating a price for his home, Wayne Gretzky had "jewed down" owner Douglas Bassett. (Bassett later said Gretzky was not involved in the purchase.)

CFRB, as well as Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada, was inundated with calls complaining about the remark. Stephenson issued an on-air apology almost immediately after it occurred. He repeated the apology one day later.


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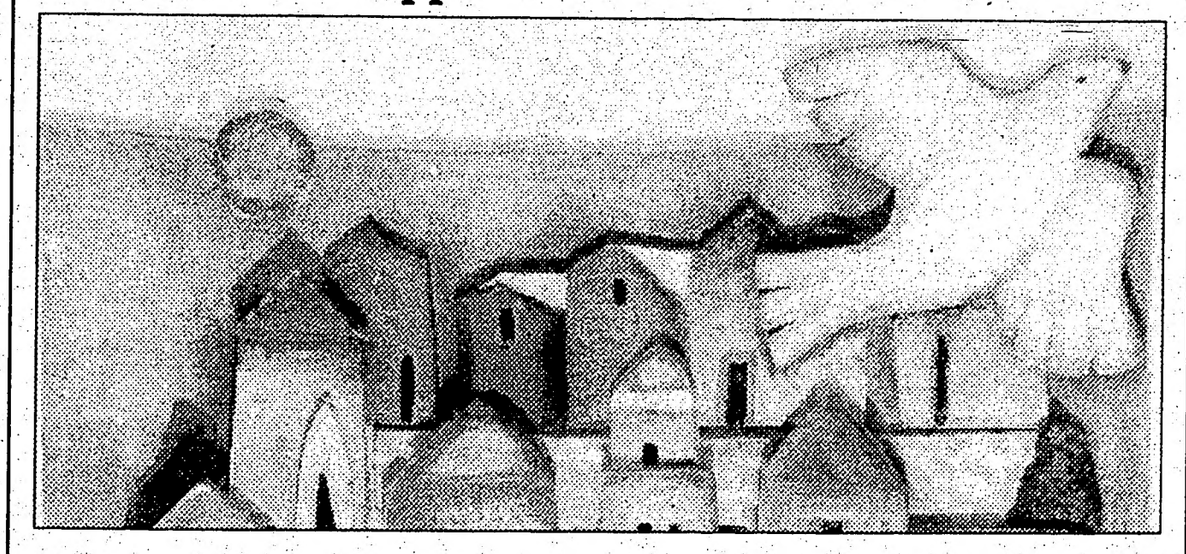

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# Psychologists give survivors healthy diagnosis

By AMY SATTIN

**TORONTO** — Holocaust survivors and their offspring are leading healthier and more satisfactory lives than previously believed, say psychologists, despite the events of 50 years ago and their effects.

"We're not all basket cases," says Dr. David Glenwick, a psychologist at Fordham University in the Bronx and himself a child of survivors.

"There is a new wave of research on the effects of the Holocaust. We're now looking at larger groups, with less subjectivity and using better measures. We need to rethink our assumptions," said Glenwick. He was one of six panelists at a symposium examining this issue as part of the American Psychological Association convention held here recently.

Since the 1950s, those assumptions have included the so-called Survivor Syndrome, wherein Holocaust survivors display difficulty coping with everyday stresses, numerous psychosomatic illness and a pathological closeness to their offspring. Panelist Dr. Boaz Kahana of Cleveland State University told the audience that it is time to lay this image to rest. "I caution you against stereotyping the 'typical' survivor," he said. "A little neurosis isn't so bad. It can help you adapt."

After interviewing 152 U.S. survivors and 150 Israeli survivors, his team of researchers discovered that while the traumatic effects of the Holocaust were undeniable, the survivors performed as well as their peers in the areas of productivity, family relationships and community involvement. "In some cases they performed better," Kahana said. Of the 89 percent who said they had been adversely affected by their experiences, only 31 percent said the effects were extreme.

Despite the threat of further trauma through war, Kahana found that survivors living in Israel were better adjusted than their American counterparts. He believes that social support through holidays like Yom Hashoah helps the survivor feel protected. "It seems that living in one's homeland, surrounded by the social group one can trust, may be therapeutic."

Glenwick, reading from a paper prepared by Dr. William Helmreich of New York's City College, told the audience that survivors tend to be financially successful, with 34 percent earning more than $50,000 (U.S.) in 1989. Helmreich further characterized survivors as tenacious, hardworking, intelligent, willing to take risks, and adaptable to change.

Survivors living in Canada display the same resiliency. Dr. John Sigal, a psychologist at Montreal's Jewish General Hospital, has found that parent-child relationships in survivor families are no different from parent-child relationships in other European Jewish immigrant families.

*Daily contact with moms*

One area where the peer groups displayed great similarity was that of attachment: 84 percent of daughters of survivors and 81 percent of daughters of immigrants were in daily contact with their mother. "When I presented this statistic at a national gathering of survivors, a huge cheer went up," said Sigal, the sole Canadian panelist. "What I saw as pathological, they saw as family closeness. 'Who's to complain?' they asked."

Panelist Charles Figley of Florida State University urged the 50 or so audience members to help get the word out that "things are better off than we thought.

"There is no question that survivors and children of survivors still suffer," he said. "We must concentrate our efforts to help them. However, let us celebrate that we have discovered that, despite the events of 50 years ago, they have risen to the occasion, succeeding emotionally, financially and socially."

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# Organizations and People

# What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

**HOLIDAY DEADLINES**

**Please note these holiday deadline changes for What's New and About People:**

**Thursday, Sept. 2 is deadline for Sept. 15 issue.**

**Thursday, Sept. 9, is deadline for Sept. 23.**
**Monday, Sept. 13, is deadline for Sept. 29.**
**Wednesday, Sept. 22, is deadline for Oct. 6.**
**Monday, Sept. 27, is deadline for Oct. 14.**
**Monday, Oct. 4, is deadline for Oct. 21.**

## Sunday, Sept. 5

**OSTROVITZER MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The annual gathering in memory of the victims murdered by the Nazis in Ostrowiec will be held at 11 a.m. at Lambton Park Cemetery, Royal York Road. All people from Ostrowiec and neighboring towns are invited to attend. **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, will conduct the service. Other speakers are **Albert Bainerman** and **Israel Garfinkel**. Cars will leave 14 Viewmount Ave. at 10:45 a.m. In the event of rain, service will be held at 14 Viewmount. For information, call Albert Bainerman, 636-4542.

## Monday, Sept. 6

**SCHOOL DEDICATION**

Over 1,000 people have been invited to attend the dedication of the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Torah Centre at Or Chaim Yeshiva. The Koschitzkys, who financed Or Chaim's building on Almore Avenue, also added a new beit midrash (synagogue and study centre) and dormitory wing, which will be officially opened during the festivities. The Koschitskys will be honored during the dedication.

The afternoon procession, featuring a Torah scroll donated by the Koschitzkys, will leave Clanton Park Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. at 2:30 p.m..

**STASHIVER SOCIETY BOND DINNER**

The Stashiver Society is holding its annual Israel Bond Dinner at 6 p.m. at Adath Shalom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

## Tuesday, Sept. 7

**SISTERHOOD OPENING MEETING**

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood opening meeting is set for 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Guest speaker is radio personality **Andy Barrie**. His topic — I Took My Mother to Israel. All are welcome.

**BB FRENCH LODGE LA FRATERNITE**

B'nai Brith French lodge La Fraternite monthly meeting is at 8 p.m. at 15 Hove St. The topic is Importance of Rites in the Totalitarian Regime (in French). For information, call 255-6086.

## BAYCREST OPEN

**An army of golf carts carrying more than 400 enthusiastic golfers assembled recently at Spring Lakes Golf and Country Club in Stouffville to tee off for the 1993 Baycrest Open. An annual event organized by the Leadership Development Group of Baycrest Centre, this year's tournament raised $105,000 and proceeds will go towards intergenerational programming at Baycrest Centre.**

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## Wednesday, Sept. 8

**WOMEN IN POLITICS**

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, is sponsoring an open forum, Women in Politics: Women in a Changing World, with panelists **Isabel Basset**, PC; **Jean Augustine**, Liberal; **Winnie Ng**, NDP; and moderator **Kathleen Kenna** of the *Toronto Star*, at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free. Everyone welcome. For information, call 633-5100.

**JEWISH WOMEN IN THE '90S**

Fun, food, social, creative programming! Interested? Chaverim Chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Toronto, a group of women in their 30s and 40s, is for you! The opening meeting features **Susan Jackson**, director of community services and youth activities for Canadian Jewish Congress, speaking on Jewish Women in the '90s. For details, call **Joanne**, 731-7473, or **Janice**, 881-3460.

**TORONTO JEWISH FOLK CHOIR**

Toronto Jewish Folk Choir is beginning the 1993/94 season under the direction of its new conductor **Esther Ghan-Firestone**, well-known soprano soloist, conductor, cantor and interpreter of Yiddish and classical repertoire. Men and women of all ranges are invited to the opening rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. For further information, call **Eddie Sterk**, 630-7717.

**POMEGRANATE GUILD**

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework opening meeting is at 8 p.m. at the Wagman Centre. Program is entitled Sukkah and Decorations. All are welcome. Call 881-7918 or 731-6160 for information.

**FROM CHILDHOOD TO MARRIAGE**

At the Overbrook Cultural Club meeting, **Naomi Bell** will present a lecture/recital of folk songs From Childhood to Marriage. The time is 2 p.m. at 12 Heaton St. (Lodzer Centre, Bathurst and Sheppard). No charge for members, $2 for non-members. For information, call **Millie Herzog**, 221-7207.

**THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE**

Women over 30 are invited to attend a program with B'nai Brith Women of Canada Shira Chapter when **Rosalie Wysocki** will speak on Meeting the Challenge of Change. All BBW/C members and prospective members are welcome. The time is 8 p.m. at Barbara Frum Library. Admission is $5 in advance or $7 at the door. Reserve today! Call BBW/C at 630-9313.

## Thursday, Sept. 9

**BETH SHOLOM SISTERHOOD**

Beth Sholom Sisterhood's general meeting features **Karen Shopsowitz** who will show and discuss her film *My Grandparents Had a Hotel*. Coffee is at 7:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 8. Everyone is welcome. For information, call synagogue office, 783-6103.

**PARLOR MEETING**

A parlor meeting for the Jewish Russian Community Centre's Happiest Day of the Year Gala Wedding, hosted by co-chairs **Harvey and Sheila Hecker,** is being held at the home of **Mark** and **Judy Sapir,** 46 Timberlane Dr., at 8 p.m.

**SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION**

Beth Torah Sisterhood installation dinner with entertainment by humorist **Allan Gould** is called for 6:30 p.m. sharp at the synagogue. Phone 782-4495 for further information. Non-members welcome.

**REMBRANDT: JEWS & THE BIBLE**

Lifestyle Retirement Communities is presenting artist/poet **Miriam Schneider-Ofseyer** in a lecture on Rembrandt: The Jews and the Bible at 2 p.m. at Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave. Admission is free but seating is limited. Reserve by calling **Marilyn White**, 445-7555.

## And What Else Is New...

**HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS, CHILDREN**

The ongoing group for survivors and children of survivors of the Holocaust will be meeting Thursday mornings, 10 to noon, at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Purpose of the group is to explore the emotional impact the Holocaust has had on people's lives. Leader is **Doris Strub Epstein**. Call 630-0164.

**SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON**

Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon, Saturday, Sept. 11, at noon following services, features **Rabbi Solomon Spiro** who will speak on From Brisk to Boston: The Spiritual Journey of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik. Reserve no later than Wednesday, Sept. 8, by calling the synagogue office, 781-3511.

## NEW MEMBER

**At Canadian Friends of Jerusalem Elwyn's recent board meeting and election of directors, newly elected board member Sol Budd presents a check to Daniele Cohen, director of North American office of Jerusalem Elwyn.**

**COLLECTING WINTER CLOTHING**

General Wingate Branch, Royal Canadian Legion, is collecting winter clothing for Canadian children. For pick-up call 782-5024 or 630-6431 between now and December.

**CHAI CHAPTER HADASSAH WIZO**

Bored? Need a change? Interested in meeting other Jewish women like yourself? Check out Chai Chapter of Hadassah WIZO. Enjoy interesting programs, fun activities and yummy desserts. Call **Sharon**, 398-7151.

**FOLKDANCING AT JCC**

Jewish Community Centre North Y branch folkdancing courses for the 1993/94 season include:

Israeli folkdancing classes for beginners, Sundays, 7:30 to 9 p.m., with **Teme Kernerman**; intermediate, Wednesdays, 8 to 9:15 p.m., with Kernerman; and intermediate/advanced/requests, Wednesdays 9 to 11 p.m. with Kernerman and **Eyal Antebby, Dori Levine, Laurie Marcus** and **Laya Skrzydlo**. Charge for each class is $5 (GST included).

International folkdancing, starting Sept. 21, for beginners, 8 to 9 p.m. and intermediate/advanced, 9 to 11 p.m. with **Sandy Starkman**. Fee is $5 (GST included).

For information on all classes, contact **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364, or **Elaine Burke**, ext. 273.

**SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW**

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., announces that registration is now open for fall courses for adults and teenagers in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students. Morning courses run Mondays, Sept. 20 through Dec. 20, 9:40 to 11:05 a.m. Evening courses run Tuesdays, Sept. 21 through Dec. 21, 7:30 to 9 p.m. All classes are under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read and write Hebrew in 14 sessions.

Free introductory private lessons are offered for beginners. The instructor for the beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, well-known educator and founder of the Israeli ulpan method of teaching in Toronto. For consultation and registration, call Klinger at 787-0197.

**WOMEN'S DAY CONFERENCE**

Keep Sunday, Oct. 17, open! That's the date of the Women's Day Conference consisting of lectures and workshops sponsored by the Women's Studies Program, Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, as a precursor to its regular cycle of lectures and classes. Plan to spend the day and participate in Ages and Stages of Womanhood with lecture topics such as My Bubbie and Me, Rekindling the Flame, A Historical Perspective of Women and Jewish Education, and more, discussed by local speakers **Dr. Shoshana Zolty, Sara Chana Radcliffe, Chavalea Becher** and **Rebetzin Chaya Milevsky**. Keynote speaker **Dr. Lisa Aiken**, psychologist and author of *To Be a Jewish Woman*, will speak on Women's Roles in Traditional Judaism.

For registration and information, call the Women's Studies Program office, 886-5730.

**AISH HATORAH IN THORNHILL**

Aish HaTorah has opened its new centre in Thornhill in Promenade Mall, Suite 303 (upstairs). In preparation for the High Holy Days, two public lectures are being offered: Rosh Hashanah: Answering the Call of the Shofar, Thursday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m.; and Yom Kippur: The Season of Return, Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m. Lectures feature **Rabbi Nechemia Coopersmith** and **Rabbi Mitch Mandel**. For further information about these programs or High Holy Day services, call 636-7530.

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**THE VILLAGE SHUL**

In preparation for the High Holy Days, the Village Shul, in partnership with Aish HaTorah, is offering these public lectures: Understanding the Machzor, Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m., with **Rabbi Ahron Hoch**; Rosh Hashanah: Answering the Call of the Shofar, Thursday, Sept. 9 at 8 p.m. with **Rabbi Yaacov Palatnik**. Classes will be held at the Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. For further information about these programs and High Holy Day services, call 481-2383.

**CHAPLAINCY SERVICES**

Retired? If you would like to get involved in community work, call chaplaincy services co-ordinator **Toby Masksowitz** at Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 287.

**BB BALFOUR LODGE MONTREAL**

B'nai Brith Balfour Lodge in Montreal is on the lookout for past and current members, including founding members, to take part in a planned 30th anniversary reunion Oct. 10 in Montreal. Individuals can call co-ordinator **Norman Heimnlich**, 1-800-361-2773, or **Jay Mandelker**, (514) 744-6768.

**SING WITH THE CHORALAIRS**

The Choralairs of North York, a volunteer choir singing for seniors and the disabled, is looking for singers. While voices in all ranges are always welcomed, especially needed are sopranos and tenors. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays, 8:15-10:30 p.m. at Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Room 2, starting Sept. 7. There are no auditions and the ability to read music is not required. Repertoire includes pop, Broadway and folk songs. Membership fees are $45 per person, $70 per couple, with full tax receipt. Call **Fay Cohen**, 633-7233, for more information.

**JEWISH STUDENTS' COUNCIL**

The Jewish Students' Council (JSC) will be actively recruiting new members over the next month on the Ryerson, University of Toronto Scarborough, Seneca College and Glendon (York U.) campuses. If you are a student (or interested faculty member), look for the JSC recruitment tables or call **Mike Goldberg** at 631-5665 or 636-1880, ext. 365 to get active Jewishly on campus and get on the mailing list.

**JEWISH RECOVERY NETWORK**

Here's a list of the Jewish Recovery Network of Canada 12-step meetings in Jewish locations:

Alcoholics Anonymous — Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. Closed discussions Mondays at 8 p.m.; open speaker Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

Alanon — Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Thursdays 8 to 9:30 p.m. Alanon is for those affected by a person who is a compulsive drinker.

Co-Dependents Anonymous — Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Wednesdays 8 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous — Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Tuesdays 8 p.m., closed meeting.

Overeaters Anonymous — Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. Open meetings Thursdays at 8 p.m.

For information, call JRN, 669-0904 (24 hours).

Also, a group for Jewish women who are incest survivors is held at Jewish Family & Child Service. Call **Gail** or **Karen**, 638-7800, ext. 219.

**ALJS HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES**

Association for Living Jewish Spirit High Holy Day services conducted by **Rabbi Reuben Slonim** with organist **Harvey Silver** and soprano **Rosa Anthony** will be held at Barbara Frum Library for Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 15, 8 p.m., and Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to noon; and for Yom Kippur, Sept. 24, 8 p.m. and Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to noon, and 4-6 p.m. No tickets but contributions will be welcome. For information, call 789-2876.

**JF&CS GROUPS**

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following groups: Living with Teens (starting Sept. 20); Successful Step-Parenting (begins Sept. 27); Parenting Your Pre-Teen (begins Oct. 12). For more information concerning fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

## for seniors

**Aluma Canadian Israeli Club** meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays, at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Sept. 1, the movie *Nonstop Music* (in Hebrew) will be screened and on Sept. 8 there's bingo. For information, call 783-9453 or 635-5604.

Highlights at **Shalom Village** in Hamilton include: Wednesday, Sept. 8 lunch at The Olive Garden, 12:30 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 9, Simcha birthday celebrations for **Allan Brown, Sonia Krawchuk** and **Cissy Simpson** with entertainment by **George Frank**, 7 p.m.; Sunday, Sept. 12 and 19 Antiquing with Love with **Marion Hetherington** at 2 p.m.; Monday, Sept. 13, speaker from Arthritis Society, 2 p.m.; and Tuesday, Sept. 28 trip to Chudleigh's Apple Farm — pick apples for your Sukkah and bring your lunch. For information, call **Susan Mills**, 528-5377 in Hamilton.

A preview of the JCC Senior Adults Services upcoming Costa Rica trip (Jan. 23 to Feb. 6 with a third week option to Feb. 13) takes place Thursday, Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m., Room 206, JCC North Y branch. For information, call **Teme Kernerman**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

**LZA Seniors Club** is taking registration for the 1994 Miami trips Wednesday mornings 10 to noon at the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. For information, call **Libby**, 782-2059, or **Belle**, 633-5841. The Ladies Dance Group meets Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and the Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. The Centre is open for social activities Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Earl Bales Seniors' Club** North York Board of Education programs in bridge, fitness, line dancing, and yoga start the week of Sept. 20. For information on programs, trips and the annual bazaar, call the club office, 395-7881.

**The Wagman Centre's** Creative Arts Program and North York Board of Education present an 11-week drawing and painting class with instructor **Elaine Sugar**, Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m., starting Sept. 22. Register with **Janet Page**, 789-5131, ext. 2939.

**CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING**

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents A Jewish Halachic View of Health with **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, Thursday, Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

A High Holy Day concert with **Marshall Reiss** and **Michael Khinkis** takes place Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 1:30 p.m. Members $3, non-members $4. Tickets available at Information Desk.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, Sept. 5, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

## at the JCC

JCC New Leadership Program general meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m., Room 206, Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, for singles in their 20s, 30s and 40s. Come and learn about the fall programs, meet JCC Health Club members, and sign up to help run the JCC New Leadership booth at the annual Fall Festival Open House Sunday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the North Y branch. For more information, call **Rosanne**, 631-5658.

Mark your calendars! Sunday, Sept. 12, is Street Festival Day at the JCC Bloor Y branch. From 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, you can enjoy craft shows, games, demonstrations, food and more. See entertainers like **Bobby Soul** (formerly of The Platters), Take III, **Marie-Lynn Hammond**, Laurence Gilman. For children there will be klezmer music, clowns, cartoonists and puppeteers. At 1 p.m., **Mayor June Rowlands** and **Zanana Akande, MPP**, will attend a ceremony marking the 40th anniversary of the Bloor Y building. For more information, call **Luni**, 924-6211.

## About People

**LEAGUE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

The League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada has recently appointed **Joshua Schwarcz**, 23, as its Ontario director. Schwarcz holds a masters degree in international affairs and Middle Eastern studies from Columbia University in New York. He also spent a year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Schwarcz has travelled abroad extensively and lived in Israel for over four years. He has experience in many aspects of the Jewish community, having worked for Hadassah and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

As Ontario director of the League, he is one of B'nai Brith's spokesmen on issues relating to hate groups and hate propaganda. He co-ordinates research projects and manages communications for the League in Ontario. In addition, he serves as executive assistant to the national director.

**TRIBUTE DINNER**

**Abe and Freda Blankenstein (centre) will be honored at a Tribute Dinner organized by Yorkdale Circle Lodge B'nai Brith on behalf of State of Israel Bonds. Attending a meeting of the tribute committee are (from left) Lodge president Morris Glick; guest speaker Moshe Raviv; the Blankensteins; and Israel Bond co-chairs for B'nai Brith Ralph Snow and Michael Rosenberg. [Arnold Machtinger photo].**

**NEW ISRAEL FUND**

**Pictured at the recent New Israel Fund of Canada (NIFC) open evening for the Ottawa Jewish community at the home of Claire and Morris Miller are (from left) NIFC board member Freda Paltiel; Barbara Epstein, Israeli chair of Shatil and director of Project Genesis; NIFC president Maurice Green; Claire Miller; Wendy Kramer, Ottawa committee member. Greetings were offered by Israeli Ambassador Itzhak Shelef.**

**ORT RESOURCE CENTRE**

**Canadian ORT, Ontario region continues its efforts to open the first ORT Resource Centre in Canada for the 1994 school year. Among the committee members who met recently are (from left) Michael Landauer; Mark Pearlman, committee chair; Anat Wertheim and Debbie Weinberg.**

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## JNF NEGEV DINNER

**A record-breaking 520 guests attended the recent Windsor Jewish National Fund Negev Tribute Dinner in honor of Alan Ray Orman. Keynote speaker was Abba Eban, former Israeli minister of foreign affairs. Seen at the dinner is (from left) Dan Orman, co-dinner chair; Eban; Orman and his wife Diana; Gerald Freed, dinner chair; Jay Armeland, co-dinner chair; and JNF Jerusalem Emissary, Yoram Gordan.**

# Nova Scotia businessman gets top honors

By JOEL JACOBSON

**HALIFAX** — Nova Scotian businessman Harvey Webber has received many honors during a long and prosperous career in retailing and community service.

But he has never been inducted in a Hall of Fame until Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia called him to join three other prominent Nova Scotian business leaders on the recent industrial night of entry into the hall.

Junior Achievement promotes business education and entrepreneurship in junior and senior high schools across Canada. Webber was inducted along with John Bragg of Oxford (N.S.) Frozen Foods, the world's largest blueberry processor, and the late Frank Sobey and Susannah Oland, matriarch of the brewery family that produces Moosehead Beer.

Never at a loss for words, Webber concluded his acceptance speech at the Halifax ceremony with a quote from Winston Churchill, "Lucky is the man whose work is his play."

A retailer who joined his father's business after graduation from Dalhousie Law School, Webber has been honored by both his professional peer groups. In 1990, the Dalhousie Law Alumni Association honored him for unselfish public service. A year later, the 55,000-member Retail Council of Canada named him Distinguished Retailer of the Year.

While operating The Smart Shop, a successful junior department store in Sydney which his father established in 1904, Webber has been a director of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, chaired the Atlantic provinces Chamber of Commerce, served as president of the Nova Scotia Council For Canadian Unity and as a board member of Canadian Council for Christians and Jews. He is a member of the Order of Canada.

His development of Atlantic Canada Plus, a self-help program to promote and foster business in the Atlantic provinces, stands as one of his major accomplishments. Now in its 16th year, the organization is recognized as an important influence in the region's economy.

Never one to shirk his community responsibilities, Webber founded the Glace Bay Miner's Museum which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1992. He was one of six builders of a major sports centre in Sydney as a centennial gift to the city, and helped promote the expansion of Xavier Junior College to the degree-granting institution University College of Cape Breton. Webber is also a past president of the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra in Cape Breton and even played violin with the Cape Breton Symphony.

Webber is a vice-president of ORT, a board member of Canadian Association of Tel Aviv University, an honorary fellow of Hebrew University and has been prominent in UIA campaigning in Atlantic Canada.

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***The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.***

***Metro Toronto Singles Presents** our 4th Annual Labour Day Long Weekend Party at **Berlin** (2335 Yonge Street). Sunday, September 5. 7:00pm **(no work the next day!)** Grand door prize: Festival of Festivals Pass. Complimentary bottle of wine for 500th person. Cover $12.00. Call 222-7111 for information.

**Adath Israel Synagogue (Bathurst/Wilson) Singles Program 35 plus Gala Event.** September 9, 7:30pm, presents: **Jerry Silverman, song stylist and story teller.** Come, meet, and enjoy the party! Refreshments, door prizes. Phone in reservations $8.00, at the door $10.00. Phone 635-5340.
The Adath Israel Synagogue Single's Planning Committee is expanding. If you are dedicated and interested in joining us, please call Rabbi Sheldon Korn, 635-5340.

**Dinner Dance.** Saturday, Sept 4. 8:00pm. Sweet table, cash bar. **Effi Zohar.** In the very elegant party room of The Concorde Place. Cover a mere $20 prepaid, $23 at the door. Dinner will be served from 9-10 only, sweet table 10:30. Limited space. Sonia, 445-8027.

**M.T.S. presents**: A Bicycling Ride and Coffee Break, Monday, Sept 6, 12:00noon. 222-7111.

**Parti Partee!** Brought to you by **The Party Club. Thursday September 2, 1993, 7:30pm** at **The Betty Ford (Dance Club)** 240 King Street East. Cover $10.00. **A donation will be made to The Israel Cancer Research Fund** For more info call Danny Cohen, 482-9614.

**Singles Dance.** Saturday, September 4. Cassino Place, 72 Steeles Ave. West. 8pm-1am. No jeans. Hot new deejay. Free parking, great bar prices. $10. Ladies 2 for 1, 8-9pm. 273-9137.

**Spectacular, scenic** walks though Sunnybrook Park, 11:00am, Sunday mornings, starting Sept. 5, for singles 50 plus. Will meet at front desk of Inn on the Park and continue to park for 1 hour walk & coffee afterwards. 787-0025, 886-1715.

**The Boys** invite you to **The End of the Summer Bash** at **Still Life** (217 Richmond St. West), Thursday, September 2. 8:00pm. For more information call Mark Brodkin, 656-8479 or Ari Huber, 923-5718.

**VIEWPOINTS** meets **Thursday September 2nd.** Beth Tzedec. 1700 Bathurst. Panel/group discussion. Four Introduction Services - **Jewish Singles Registry; Jewish Contemporary Singles; Sincerity Plus; Soulmates.** Topic: "High Expectations-Realistic Choices". 7:30pm. All ages welcome. Ages 25-35 sit together. $5.00. Refreshments. 781-9245.

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## Family Matters

*by*

**John Syrtash**

**Family Law Counsel**

Family law has seen disbursement costs skyrocket with the increasing use of professional experts to advise the court on technical matters. Much of the fees go to the experts, not the lawyer. A custody battle between a professional teacher and a self-employed businessperson with two children can be expensive, especially if the wife foresook the job market to raise the children. These expenses are usually incurred even if the parties choose not to litigate, but engage in "fully informed" negotiations where the lawyers do not wish to be sued for ill advice before preparing a separation agreement. These costs can include: (a) the psychologist, psychiatrist or social worker retained to assess the children's needs and each parent's ability to satisfy those needs (in Toronto, $2500– $8000); (b) a valuation of the teacher's pension, since its future income stream is appraised by a trained pension actuary ($600–$1500, depending on how much research is needed); (c) an economist's report on the wife's "future lost income" by reason of her economic disadvantage from leaving the work force ($2500–$3500); (d) a valuation of the husband's interest in his [not publicly traded] business ($4000–$15000 depending on the complexity of the matter and whether the parties can agree on certain assumptions, such as the date they separated); (d) in some cases, a forensic accountant to determine a self-employed person's "true" income, if there are allegations of money-laundering and "cash under the table" transactions ($1500–?); (e) a land appraiser to evaluate the market value of the matrimonial home and other realty if a buyout by one spouse or another is contemplated ($800–$1500), although a real estate agent is cheaper. Add to all this the GST, substantially increased court fees and the normal outlays for transcripts of cross-examinations or discoveries, and you have a bill that often dwarfs the lawyer's fees. The lawyer's dilemma is, when to stop?

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# Organizations and People

## York University students head to Hebrew U for a year

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — York University student Eliyanah Delicate, 19, recently left for a year of study in Jerusalem as part of the Hebrew University Scholarship, an annual exchange program between the two universities. Her Israeli counterpart, Yaacov Aizenberg, will be doing graduate work in psychology at York.

Delicate, the daughter of Margaret and David Delicate of Nepean, recently completed her first year at York. She hopes to study Jewish Philosophy and Women in Judaism as well as Hebrew language while in Israel.

Eliyanah Delicate

An alumna of Nepean's Temple Israel Religious School and of afternoon classes at Ottawa Modern Jewish School, Delicate has wanted to be a rabbi since at least Grade 7.

As a high school student in Ottawa, she held a number of positions within her local Reform youth group. Last year she served as co-chair of the Women's Caucus of York's Jewish Student Federation.

Participating in the March of the Living in 1990 was probably the first time Delicate had spent time with Orthodox Jews, she recalls. The experience led to her becoming active in the greater Jewish community.

Delicate worked on the Holocaust memorial committee of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, and

Risa Rochwerg

organized speakers for the 1991 Yom Hashoah service. She has given over 50 presentations on the Holocaust, mostly to high school students, and taught at Ottawa's Ecole Maimonides for six weeks this summer.

Delicate has wanted to study in Israel for a long time, she said. "I think that's where the answers are." She is interested in learning more about the diverse factions of the Jewish community. "Each stream has something I consider very important to my Judaism."

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York University students Risa Rochwerg and David Kaplan have been awarded this year's Leonard Wolinsky Scholarship to study at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Rochwerg, 19, a graduate of Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto and Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), recently completed her first year in the four-year honors Bachelor of Business Administration program. Her courses at Hebrew U will not count for credit toward her York degree, but she feels that learning about business from an international perspective will enhance her studies at York.

She also looks forward to absorbing some Israeli culture. "I'm not going for the beaches," she told *The CJN*. "I like the heritage, the culture and the tradition that surrounds Jerusalem.

Rochwerg visited Israel for the first time five years ago, where she participated in an archeological dig. An alumnus of Camp Shalom who returned as a staffer last summer, Rochwerg credits the Canadian Young Judaea camp with "instilling really strong Jewish values."

Rochwerg is the daughter of Marlene and Martin Rochwerg.

Kaplan, who completed his first year at York in biology, will be taking an eclectic mix of subjects at Hebrew U: Organic Chemistry, Foundations of Jewish Law, Jewish Mysticism and Israeli Politics.

A graduate of CHAT and Associated Hebrew Day Schools, Kaplan was religion/education vice-president of ECRUSY (Eastern Canada Region of United Synagogue Youth) in 1989-90 through his affiliation with Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue's USY group.

David Kaplan

This summer he worked at Camp Ramah as a counsellor and teacher of Judaic Studies for 11- to 13-year-olds.

In Jerusalem, he will be working for United Synagogue's college outreach program as its liaison with Hebrew University.

Kaplan is the son of Sari and Benjamin Kaplan.

## Vancouver information service publishes guide to life in B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER — Shalom Vancouver, a Jewish community information, referral and welcome service has just published its first edition of *Guide to Jewish Life in British Columbia*. It is being distributed to Jewish community organizations and members throughout the province.

Shalom Vancouver is a program of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver and is co-sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre, B'nai B'rith Women of B.C., National Council of Jewish Women and the Seniors Advisory Council.

The 56-page book, with an attractive color cover, is described by the editor, Janet Kolof, as a publication "to assist you in easily finding what you need to enhance the quality of your communal life."

The book lists all the organizations, schools and synagogues operating in Jewish Vancouver, complete with the names of officials, phone numbers, addresses and fax numbers. It also covers activities of other organized B.C. communities: Victoria, Central Vancouver Island, Okanagan and the Arctic Jewish Community Association based in Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories.

There is a brief history of the B.C. Jewish community which relates that British Columbia's first Jewish community was composed of English-speaking traders, merchants and wholesalers, who settled first in Victoria on Vancouver Island, and then spread out to the Fraser River gold rush towns on the mainland and later to the Klondike in the Yukon. After the Canadian Pacific Railway was completed in 1886 in Vancouver, that city became the centre of the province's Jewish community.

### *Jewish settlers*

"The most notable of the early Jewish settlers," says the history, "was Mayor David Oppenheimer, 1888-1891, who has been called the 'father of Vancouver'." It was Oppenheimer who secured the land for the city which is now Stanley Park, an ocean-front property in the heart of the city.

The cover was designed by Heinz Seelig (who died in 1992), one of Israel's most renowned artists. Born in Germany and educated in architecture, he emigrated to Palestine in 1933.

Seelig was reputedly the first architect in Haifa and drew plans for private homes, large hotels and public institutions. He closed his architectural practice after the Yom Kippur War and began his prolific painting career. He was best known for his lithographs, including *The Seven Days of Creation*, sets of which are in the collections of former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat. His work won a prize at the International Competition for Native Art in Switzerland.

The cover shows the lithograph, *After the Flood*, which, says the editor of the book, "reflects the aspect of our work that involves welcoming newcomers to our region and making their transition a smooth one."

*After the Flood* was donated for the cover by Seelig's children.

## Corrections

The amount playwright Jason Sherman won from the Chalmers Foundation was $10,000, not $100,000, as stated in an article in the Aug. 19 issue of *The CJN*.

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In a story about Yiddish teacher Sheine Mankovsky in the Aug. 19 *CJN*, the city in Poland where her late father lived was misspelled. It should be Piotrkow-Trybanalski.


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# Organizations and People

## OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

**Thirty-two outstanding university students from 11 countries participated this summer in the Karyn Kupcinet International Science School at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel. The Kupcinet program included seven Russian students as well as young men and women from Canada, the United States, Holland, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and — for the first time — Croatia, Slovakia and Turkey. Paul Perlon, right, of Willowdale, Ontario, is shown in the department of Hormone Research with Weizmann professor Abraham Amsterdam.**

# Canadian teenagers play role in Weizmann research program

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — If an effective treatment for leukemia results from current research on a protein called restrictin-P, Toronto teen Devra Baryshnik can claim a modest role in its early stages of investigation.

Baryshnik, 18, was one of six Canadian high school graduates who participated, along with their counterparts from 17 other countries, in the 25th Dr. Bessie Lawrence International Summer Science Institute at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

The three-week program focused on a number of research projects, with participants working in small research teams of two or three. The program also included a four-day trip at Weizmann's Ein Gedi field school.

Baryshnik, a graduate of York Mills Collegiate who will be studying Science at University of Western Ontario, worked in the experimental biology department. "Our ultimate goal was to see if they could isolate the protein and use it as a cure for leukemia in humans," she explained during a recent interview. The protein in question restricts the growth of certain leukemic cells in mice, she said.

**Avital Rodal**

**Barry Pakes, left, and Devra Baryshnik**

Barry Pakes, a graduate of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto who will be studying Biochemistry and Economics at McGill University this year, also did protein research at Weizmann.

Using a technique known as x-ray crystallography, Pakes worked under a Russian PhD student to determine the best conditions for crystallizing a protein in a process that has applications in industries such as plastics manufacturing.

Pakes and his fellow researchers created "the largest crystal ever," at 3 x 3 x 6 mm. Although Pakes is excited about the results, both he and Baryshnik agree that they could have used an extra week for research. "Bacteria can destroy a whole colony of live cells," says Baryshnik, "and then you have to throw out a project you grew for a few days."

Like Baryshnik, Avital Rodal of Ottawa also did protein research that may lead to a new cancer treatment. "I think it's really important for people my age to be with people who have similar interests in science," Rodal told *The CJN.* The Weizmann program brought together 80 teens for the program. "In high school, you may have two or three people [who share your interests]," said Rodal, who graduated from Nepean High School and will be pursuing her science studies at Massachusets Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston.

"My closest friends are all intelligent girls in Science," said Baryshnik. Although she says that things are changing, Baryshnik has faced stereotyping by some other students who "don't believe that an attractive girl has brains."

Pakes, who was interviewed together with Baryshnik, noted that his mentor at Weizmann "wouldn't speak directly to the girls in our group. She just kept quiet, because it wasn't worth it for two weeks, but we made it clear to him that we weren't fond of [his attitude]."

Pakes *was* enthused about his research project. "It involved chemistry, biology, physics, computer science, and even some math, all rolled into one."

Baryshnik called the summer program "an opportunity you can't find very often."


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# Na'amat helps kids from abused homes

**HADERA** — "When children have been mistreated by the very people whom they should trust most, their parents, they can be very damaged psychologically," said Ada Menshes, director of Na'amat's residential home in Hadera, Israel.

The home was recently expanded to include a computer area and play area for traumatized children. "In rehabilitating abused children, the most important thing is to give them one-on-one quality time," said Menshes.

The bungalow addition will allow staff psychologists to counsel the children in a more private setting. According to Menshes, the children who come to live in Na'amat's residences need more help than that available through foster care in private homes. Often they have suffered abuse or parental loss.

"It is particularly difficult when the little ones blame themselves for the death of the parent and feel that they are being punished by being sent away from their home," Menshes said.

"We get children in here who can't talk at the age of 4 because of mental abuse; children who are stunted in growth to half their normal size because of a lack of love. You wouldn't believe what parents can do to their children . . . or just how necessary love is to physical and emotional development."

Menshes said the support of Na'amat helps supplement funding from the Israeli government. "The money that allows us to really care for the emotional needs of children has come from donations." She said the addition was funded largely through Na'amat Toronto.

Na'amat helps abused children.

**EDUCATOR RECEIVES CERTIFICATE**

**Richard Stoll (left), newly appointed assistant principal of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, receives his certificate upon completing the senior educators program at the Samuel Mendel Melton Center for Jewish Education in the Diaspora at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem School of Education. Presenting the certificate is Howard Deitcher, academic director of the program.**

# Hebrew U chapter begun

By MYRON LOVE

**SASKATOON** — A new chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University has been formed in Saskatoon. At its inaugural meeting in April, the new members discussed plans for speakers, encouraging students to apply for scholarships to the university and ways to support the institution.

According to David Katzman, a lifelong resident of Saskatoon and president of the new chapter, the Hebrew University for many years was represented in Saskatoon by Dr. David Singer who moved to Winnipeg last year. This past winter, responsibility for Saskatchewan was transferred from the Winnipeg Hebrew University office to the Calgary office which is under the direction of the energetic Rabbi Roy Tanenbaum.

"Funds for the university used to be raised quietly here through contacts with individual donors," Katzman says. "Rabbi Tanenbaum called me with the idea of raising the university's profile and making it more a part of our community."

Tanenbaum's western region now consists of Hebrew University chapters in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina and Saskatoon. Katzman says it is too early to say what the new chapter's plans may be. A speaker from the university is coming through Winnipeg and Saskatoon on a western tour in September.

Katzman says while the chapters in Calgary and Edmonton sponsor large dinners each year, Saskatoon's small Jewish community of about 200 families already supports two major dinners.

"I am not if sure the community will support a third dinner," Katzman says. "We want to do well but we will have to see where we fit into the community agenda."

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# Organizations and People

## Female sportscaster maintains her Judaism

By DAVID LAZARUS

**MONTREAL** — Is it difficult for a nice Jewish girl from Queens, New York, to maintain her Jewishness while working in the mostly macho and decidedly non-Jewish world of sports broadcasting?

If you ask Ellen Rubinoff, who in this case is the nice Jewish girl, the answer is not as predictable as one might expect.

Keeping up her Jewish practice as she travels from city to city, hotel to hotel and broadcast booth to broadcast booth, as it turns out, has in some respects been easier than advancing a career in sports broadcasting — a part of the industry even more dominated than others by men.

"Yes, it was tough to break in," said 32-year-old Rubinoff, who works as a producer and director for one of the better-known pay television outlets in the tri-state area (New York-New Jersey-Connecticut), SportsChannel.

In Montreal recently to work the series between the Montreal Expos and New York Mets, Rubinoff suggested that women have yet to be considered full equals behind the scenes and especially in front of the camera, where she also dreams of working some day.

The powers that be "think you have to know everything about sports to qualify for a job." But the reality, said Rubinoff, is that working in sports programming takes simple professionalism and preparation — not being a sports trivia expert.

Rubinoff should know, since she admitted when she joined SportsChannel, she did not know a Rusty Staub (a famous former Expo and Met) from a rusty nail.

Rubinoff, the youngest of three sisters, grew up actively participating in sports, playing tennis and basketball and in a sense setting the stage for her later career. Rubinoff, in fact, said that not instantly knowing who was who among the sports celebrities when she started with SportsChannel helped her. It enabled her to work with and relate to them without stars in her eyes.

Rubinoff credited a little of her success so far to just plain luck, but she was also prepared for the job.

Raised in a traditionally Jewish but not exactly rigorously practising family, Rubinoff attended State University of New York (SUNY) and then Queen's College, where she completed a communications degree.

For a year and a half, Rubinoff interned in the sports department of NBC, "mostly gophering."

But the work also exposed her to the nuts and bolts of what goes on in television production, like budgeting, and that experience helped land her the job at the then four-year-old SportsChannel in 1983. Rubinoff figured she would be able to advance more rapidly in a smaller company, but the good fortune came in while working as a teen counsellor at Nevele's, a well-known Jewish resort in the Catskill Mountains, when she met a contact that led to her SportsChannel position.

*Top job behind camera*

At SportsChannel, Rubinoff's duties have included stage managing and co-ordinating the overall production for sportscasts. Now, more frequently, she is directing actual games — the top job behind the camera — and will be doing so 10 or 11 times in all this year.

Her collegues in the baseball broadcast booth are Fran Healy, a former catcher with Kansas City, San Francisco and the New York Yankees, and Ralph Kiner, one of the the game's great hitters with the Pittsburgh Pirates in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Rubinoff's duties also carry over into basketball and hockey season, when she does the same work for New Jersey Nets, New Jersey Devils and New York Islanders games. But baseball, she said, is the most challenging sport to cover because of its unique design and complexities.

Keeping Jewish, especially when you'r on the road, presents its own set of challenges.

As a Conservative Jew, Rubinoff has gone out of her way to maintain a strong Jewish identity, which she traced back to several visits to Israel and her traditional uprbringing.

In Cleveland once over the Passover holiday, she related, Rubinoff had hotel staff bring a new fridge up to her room to accommodate appropriate kosher-for-Passover food she was carrying along.

She also will not work on the High Holy Days, and during rare free days out of town, occasionally attends synagogues and visits local Jewish community insitutions.

On the career side, Rubinoff would like to be given a real try in front of the camera doing profiles and features — "I should get an agent," she mused.

But she would also like to get married and start a family, a scenario she admitted would present her with a career versus family dilemma facing many career women.

"[Former New York Met] Darryl Strawberry asked me when I'm getting married," she remembered, and Rubinoff's single status and lack of expertise about the major league roster also had her once wondering aloud about a new pitcher she had heard about.

But one of the players quickly corrected any false notions on her part.

"It's David Cone," he told her, "not Cohen."

## Times captured flavor of Jewish life

By BILL GLADSTONE

**OTTAWA** — Between 1897 and 1914 — the period between the rise of Zionism and the start of the Great War — a quality English-language forthnightly newspaper captured the flavor of Jewish life in Canada.

Published in Montreal, *The Canadian Jewish Times* functioned as a community bulletin board for the several thousand Jews then resident in Canada who were conversant in English and well-integrated into the Canadian mainstream. It was of little use to the "green" Yiddish-speaking throngs that were still arriving daily (with no restrictions in the days before None Was Too Many) at Halifax, Quebec City, Montreal and other ports.

*The Canadian Jewish Times* contained local news, articles on Jewish subjects, literary contributions, editorials about Jewish concerns — and social notices and personal family announcements of births, bar mitzvot, marriages, deaths.

Now thousands of these classified advertisements have been indexed and bound into one volume. Entitled *A Biographical Dictionary of Canadian Jewry, 1909-1914, From The Canadian Jewish Times*, the book is the work of Lawrence F. Tapper, a 41-year-old Jewish archivist at the National Archives in Ottawa, who admits he completed the project as "a labor of love" rather than for any remunerative reward.

"If I'd written a genealogy of a springer spaniel, it probably would have sold more books," he jokes.

According to Tapper, Canadian Jews as a whole have no overriding interest in their ancestry. "They're somehow cabbage-patch people," he says. "Their ancestors were somewhere out there and nobody knows how to find out because of all the wars and the great upheavals that have taken place in this century.

"And of course a lot of Jews who came to Canada in this century have cut their ties to their past, and they never told their children what they went through. . . . So for some reason the Jewish community hasn't picked up on genealogy as an interest the way other communities have."

Tapper, who was instrumental in acquiring and microfilming the *Jewish Times* for the National Archives about a decade ago, was quick to realize its worth as a source of information. The classified advertisements, especially, often give key details of family history. Death announcements, for example, generally provide dates and places of birth as well as names of surviving family members. The ads are now easily accessible between the covers of a single volume that offers much more information on Canadian Jews than has yet been assembled between two covers.

The *Biographical Dictionary* is divided into sections on Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and other cities where there were significant Jewish populations. The book reflects the fact that in those days — and indeed until only several years ago — Montreal's Jewish community surpased Toronto's in size and was the largest in Canada. Eighty-eight pages are devoted to Montreal versus only 24 for Toronto.

Tapper has already prepared a manuscript featuring the classifieds from the *Jewish Times* for the earlier period of 1897 to 1908. But according to Gary Mokotoff, head of Avotaynu Inc., the U.S.-based publishing house that produced the *Biographical Dictionary*, sales have to pick up considerably before its companion can be published.

Tapper himself has done extensive research into his own family tree. His ancestors came to Canada from the Kamenits-Podolsk, Poltova and Kiev regions of Ukraine in the 1890s.

Tapper notes that no large communal organizations operated — or produced records of any interest — during the era of the *Canadian Jewish Times*. "This is really the only national resource that we have for that period," he says.

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# CJC brings Judaic content to kids at summer camps

**TORONTO** — Although their jobs as co-ordinators of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region's Summer Outreach Program have come to an end, Candice Cooper and Goldie Grinberg have left behind a permanent keepsake of their work on the wall of the lounge in the Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton-Wentworth.

As part of their mandate to deliver Judaic content programs to Jewish camps in the province, the duo brought props including an eleven-foot high map of Israel to Camp Kadimah in Hamilton, explained camp director Amy Freedman. After some instruction, campers, aged six to eight, got together to draw on the map significant historical and geographical sites.

"We were so impressed by the work of the campers that we had the map laminated, and hung on the wall in our building in Ancaster," said Freedman. "This will be a reminder of a very impressive program brought to our camp by Congress."

For 19 consecutive years, CJC Ontario region has been delivering Judaic content programs to Jewish summer camps. This year's CJC project received federal government funding under the SEED program for student employment during the summer.

Susan Jackson, Congress regional director of community services and youth activities, who supervised the program, said that because of the government support, "we were able to put together a team of 10 young people including the co-ordinators, and bring a lot more depth and creativity to our programming."

Tamara Gillier-Cirino, youth director for Windsor's Jewish Community Centre for the last seven years, praised this year's CJC project "for really reaching out to our 150 campers. The program and the co-ordinators left an everlasting impression."

Co-ordinators Cooper, 24, of Thornhill and Grinberg, 23, of Richmond Hill came to Windsor twice — including one stay of one week "when they really got to know the kids," related Gillier-Cirino. In their first visit, they helped train camp staff in Jewish-content programs.

The co-ordinators, who began their jobs in mid-May, together with their team of fellow students, devised this year's project with a particular focus on Israel. Cooper, a McMaster University graduate, is entering her second year of study at Osgoode Hall Law School. Grinberg is studying veterinarian medicine at the University of Guelph after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree earlier this year from the university.

Other camps assisted this year — in addition to those mentioned above — included: Simcha, Kitchener; Katonim, Keswick; New Moon, Bracebridge; and Jewish Community Centre, Kidsworld, Funworld, and Lubavitch, Toronto. Most camps were visited at least twice during the summer by the CJC team. As well, the project presented programs to gatherings of Jewish youngsters in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Newmarket and Mississauga.

**Candice Cooper (left) and Goldie Golberg, co-ordinators of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's summer outreach program, get together with campers, aged six to eight, at the Windsor Jewish Community Centre day camp. [Susan Jackson photo]**

The team devised programs for different age groups. For 2 to 5- year-olds, there was a Noah's Ark program with props, pictures stories and games. The youngsters had to gather prop wood, food and animals to take onto the ark.

Children aged six to eight spent two hours on four different activities in the Israel programs. For example, explained Grinberg and Cooper, "We brought a prop Wailing Wall to the camp and told the campers of the history of the Temple. Afterwards, the kids wrote out wishes that they could place in the cracks of our prop wall."

Older youngsters played a Capture The Flag-type game which dealt with the predicament of Israel during the Gulf War.

The co-ordinators said they were both exhausted and exhilarated by the experience of working with summer camps and campers. "We really enjoyed the interaction with small town camps," they said. "We met lots of great kids including some newcomers to Canada from the former Soviet Union and Yugoslavia."


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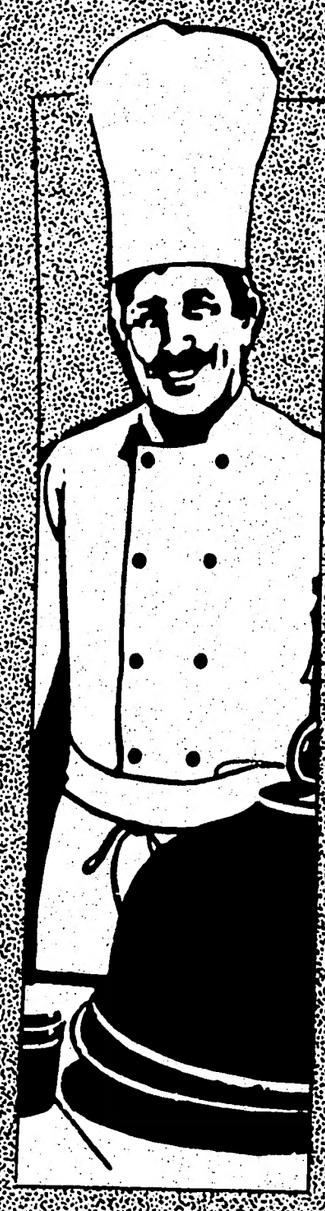

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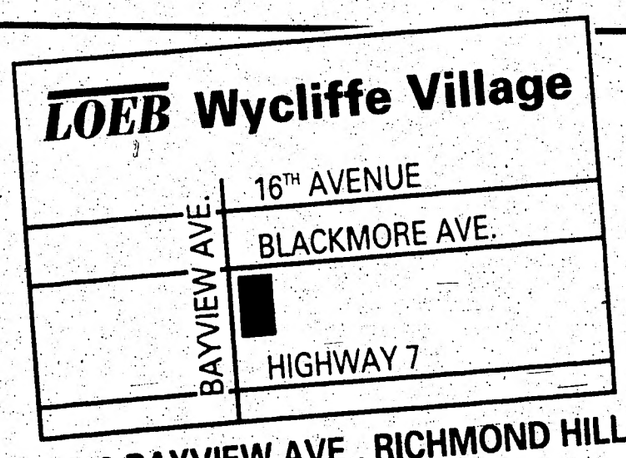


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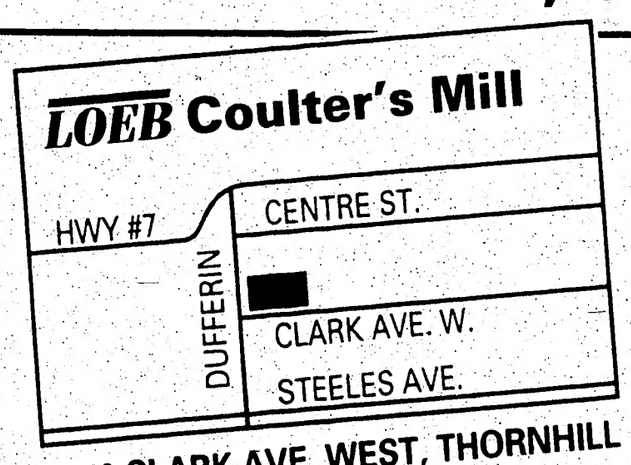


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**APRICOT GINGER CHICKEN**

2 whole kosher chickens, cut up
12 cloves of garlic, peeled and minced
½ inch by 1 inch piece of fresh ginger, grated
1 tbsp. dried thyme leaves
⅓ cup kosher red wine vinegar
Juice of one lemon
2 tbsp. oil
3 bay leaves
1 cup dried apricots, plumped in ½ cup of orange juice
Fresh ground pepper to taste
½ cup light brown sugar
½ cup kosher dry white wine
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley

Mix first 10 ingredients and marinate chicken overnight in a large bowl. Cover tightly. Preheat oven to 375 F. Arrange chicken in a single layer in two large foil-covered pans. Spoon marinade over the chicken. Sprinkle chicken with brown sugar and pour wine over it.

Bake for 45 minutes then remove from the oven and drain juices. Skim the fat, discard and serve the sauce on the side. Serves 6-8.

**MASHED SWEET NEW YEAR POTATOES**

1 lb. sweet potatoes, peeled and cubed
2 lbs. all-purpose potatoes peeled and cubed
1 tbsp. margarine
¾ to 1 cup kosher chicken broth
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 tbsp. chopped fresh Italian parsley

Place the potatoes in a large saucepan, cover with cold water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, maintain at a slight boil and cook 20 to 30 minutes or until tender. Drain potatoes, return them to saucepan and shake pan over low heat to remove remaining moisture.

Transfer potatoes to the large bowl of an electric mixer and begin mashing by hand or slowly with the mixer. Add the broth, margarine, salt and pepper to the mixture. Beat until just smooth (lumps are OK). Stir in parsley and serve at once or keep warm in a pan over hot water. Serves 6.

**STEAMED GREEN BEANS**

2½ lbs. green beans, trimmed

Place in steamer basket over 1 inch of boiling water. Cover and steam 5 to 7 minutes. To serve, toss with a splash of lemon juice or some coarse mustard or serve plain and simple. Serves 6.

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By LESLYE MICHLIN BORDEN

The round challah is one of the most important symbols of this holiday season. The round shape indicates the importance of the "head" of the year. In addition, it underscores the wish for a full and healthy year. The dough usually is shaped in a spiral, rising in the centre, to emphasize the hope that prayers during this all-important period will wind their way directly to heaven.

**LOW-FAT, NO-CHOLESTEROL "YOLKLESS" CHALLAH**

2 packets dry yeast
2½ cups very warm water (about 110 degrees)
Honey
Pinch of crushed saffron (optional)
10 cups unbleached white flour
1½ tsp. salt
8 oz. egg substitute (equivalent to 4 eggs)
6 tbsp canola oil
Sesame seeds
1 egg white

In a small glass bowl, combine the yeast with 2½ cups of water. Add a teaspoon of honey. Stir well and set aside. After about 5 minutes, the yeast should be bubbling. Now it's ready to use. Stir in the saffron, if desired.

In a very large ceramic mixing bowl, combine 6 cups of flour and the salt. Make a well in the centre and add the yeast mixture, stirring well. Scrape the sides of the bowl to combine all the flour.

Add ⅓ cup honey, 2 cups more flour, the egg substitute and the oil. Continue stirring. Work in 1 more cup flour. The dough should be sticky. Combine all these ingredients well.

Rub the remaining cup of flour into your pastry cloth. Remove the dough from the bowl and place on the floured cloth. To aid kneading when the dough is sticky, lift the edges of the pastry cloth and knead through the cloth. This way, you will use less flour and your bread will be light and have a wonderful texture. Knead until the dough is smooth and elastic, about 10 minutes.

Wash out the bowl in which you mixed the dough. Dry it carefully and spray the inside with a vegetable spray. Or, wipe out the inside with a paper towel moistened with canola oil. Place the kneaded dough into the greased bowl.

Cover with a clean, damp towel and let rise in a warm place, free from drafts, until the dough has come up to the top of the bowl (or doubled in size), at least 1½ hours.

Spray two 8-inch cake pans with vegetable spray.

When the dough has risen, punch it down and turn out onto the pastry cloth. Divide into two equal parts. Put one half back into the bowl and cover while you are working with the other half.

Divide the first half into four pieces. Roll each one out to an 18-inch snake. Press the top ends together and braid. Starting at the outside edge of the prepared cake pan, coil the braid in a circle, working toward the centre. Tuck the ends inside the centre. Cover the shaped dough with the damp towel. Then shape the other half of dough. Let both breads rise until doubled, about 1 hour.

In the meantime, heat your oven to 350 degrees F. When the breads are ready to bake, beat the egg white with a little water. Brush this mixture onto the bread, taking care not to get it near the edge of the pan (or the bread will stick to the pan). Sprinkle with the sesame seeds. Bake 30-40 minutes, until golden brown and the bread makes a hollow sound when you tap the bottom with your finger. Cool on wire racks. Remove from pans when still slightly warm.

Makes 2 large loaves, 24 slices each.

**LOW-FAT LOW-CHOLESTEROL CHALLAH FRENCH TOAST**

1 8-oz. carton no-fat egg substitute
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¼ teaspoon salt
Dash of cinnamon, optional
8 slices yolkless challah
Poached apple slices, optional

In a medium bowl, beat the egg substitute with the milk. Add the salt and cinnamon, if desired. Soak the sliced challah until it becomes saturated with the mixture. This will make "soft" French toast. If you like a firmer consistency, just dip the bread in the mixture. Do not let it soak.

Spray a large non-stick frying pan with vegetable oil spray. Heat over medium heat. Add the prepared bread and cook until the bread browns on one side. Use a spatula appropriate for pans with non-stick surfaces to turn the bread. Cook on the other side until brown. Serve at once. Garnish with apple slices, if desired.

Makes 8 servings.

**POACHED APPLE SLICES**

3 large apples, washed
Juice of one half lemon
½ cup sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon

Core and slice the apples. Place in a medium bowl. Pour the lemon juice over them and toss. Set aside.

Combine sugar, cinnamon, and ¼ cup water in a flat pan. Bring to a boil. Stir until the sugar melts. Add the apple slices, a few at a time. Cook until tender, about 3-5 minutes, depending on the thickness of the slices. Remove from the syrup. Continue this process until you have poached all the apples. Cover and refrigerate until serving time. Refrigerate the remaining syrup separately. Use whenever you need apple jelly.

Serve the apple slices with challah French toast.

Makes 12 servings.

# Rosh Hashanah recipes low in fat

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**ROASTED HOLIDAY CHICKEN WITH GRAPES**

1 roasting chicken of about 4½ pounds
1 lemon, cut in half
2 tbsp. kosher Dijon mustard
2 tsp. ground ginger
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 tbsp. chopped fresh basil or 1 tsp. dried basil
1-2 sprigs fresh rosemary or 1 tsp. dried
6 onions, peeled and quartered
2 cups kosher chicken broth
½ cup orange juice
2 cups seedless red and green grapes
¼ cup chopped fresh basil or Italian parsley for garnish

Preheat oven to 425 F. Rinse chicken, pat dry and squeeze the juice of one lemon all over the chicken. Place the lemon halves in chicken cavity. Combine the mustard, ginger, salt, pepper and dried herbs, making a paste. Rub this mixture all over the chicken. Place the fresh herb sprigs in the cavity and put the chicken in a roasting pan, scattering four of the onions in the pan. Roast 30 minutes in a hot oven.

While the chicken is roasting, combine the giblet, neck, remaining onions, chicken broth and orange juice in a saucepan and simmer 25 minutes. Set aside. Reduce oven temperature to 375 F and ladle ¾ cup of prepared broth into roasting pan. Roast 30 minutes more, basting 2-3 times. Strain remaining broth, add another ½ to 1 cup to pan and continue to roast chicken 30 more minutes (basting two more times).

Remove chicken from pan, let sit 15 minutes and cut into serving pieces. Discard herbs and lemon rind. Place chicken in roasting pan, spoon juices and onions over chicken. Scatter grapes over the chicken and add any remaining broth, cover and bake 15 minutes. Serve on a large platter with grapes and juices as sauce. Garnish with fresh chopped herbs. Serves 4.

**SAUTEED SPINACH WITH BASIL**

1 tbsp. olive oil
3 cloves finely chopped garlic
4½ lbs. fresh spinach, well rinsed and trimmed
1 cup fresh basil leaves
1 pinch red pepper flakes
1 tbsp. toasted pine nuts

In a large skillet, lightly brown the chopped garlic in oil. Add the washed spinach, cooking with just the water that clings to the leaves after washing. Add basil leaves, cook till just tender, 2 minutes. Add red pepper and pine nuts and serve. Serves 6.


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## Food

# Garlic adds a zestful flavor to the dullest of dishes

By DANIEL ROGOV

Perhaps because garlic is indispensable to the cooking style of Israel and the entire Mediterranean basin, there is very little that we do not know about garlic. Certainly since the time of the early ancient Egyptians, no food-bearing shrub has inspired more discussions and speculation than the garlic plant.

Millions of people from the Balkan states to the Middle East are convinced, for example, that garlic worn around the neck or hang in windows will protect them from vampires and werewolves. Many more are familiar with the story of the young man in Boccaccio's *Decameron Tales* who won his lover by sending her a bouquet of garlic flowers.

Sister to the onion, shallot, leek and chive, garlic was of special interest to the Greeks and Romans who, in addition to enjoying its flavor, found many marvelous reasons to justify its use. Heroditus wrote that the Hebrew slaves who built the great Pyramids were fed raw garlic for their health and strength; Aristophanes advised athletes to eat garlic before competitions in order to maintain their endurance; and Virgil, possibly in a cynical mood, suggested that it be made part of the diet of intellectuals to add to their sexual potency.

Pliny the Elder maintained that garlic was a cure for tuberculosis, Celsius saw it as a cure for fever, and Hippocrates, although he thought it was bad for the eyes, recommended it as an excellent laxative. Later, the prophet Mohammed advocated the use of garlic as an antidote in case of stings and snake bites. As recently as 1792, John Millin, an English botanist, claimed that it would prevent bubonic plague.

Myth and metaphysics aside, if there is a distinctive flavor to the cuisine of the Mediterranean basin, a good deal of credit must go to the popular use of garlic. Available year round because it hangs well without spoiling, this important staple of the regional cuisine will add an irreplaceable flavor and zest to even the dullest of dishes. Even the most dedicated of gourmets knows that an occasional, ultimately simple luncheon of coarse bread sprinkled over with olive oil and spread generously with crushed garlic can make a feast.

One should be aware that garlic grows in "heads" and each head contains anywhere from 16 to 64 cloves. Recipes invariably call for the use of a specific number of cloves as the use of entire garlic heads would be somewhat of an exaggeration. When using garlic raw (in salads or mayonnaise), the cloves should be peeled, but there is no general agreement about the necessity to peel garlic when it is to be crushed, chopped or otherwise prepared prior to cooking. (Israelis, Greeks, Italians and French tend to peel them; Spaniards and Turks tend to use them unpeeled.)

**A few hints:** When frying garlic, take care never to let it blacken, as it tends to lose its flavor and becomes bitter when overcooked. To eliminate the smell of garlic from the hands, rinse the hands with cold water, sprinkle a bit of salt on the palms, scrub gently and then rinse again with fresh water.

## *Serves four*

The following recipes, each of which is well known throughout Israel, are designed to serve four.

**Garlic Fried Eggs**

½ cup olive oil
¼ cup butter
8 eggs
4 pimentoes, cut in strips
8-10 cloves garlic, sliced thinly
1 Tbsp. vinegar
1 tsp. paprika
salt to taste
country style or French bread for serving
butter for serving

In a heavy skillet heat together ¼ cup of the olive oil and the butter until the mixture is very hot. Into this break 2 eggs at a time and, using a large spoon, quickly fold the edges of the egg whites over the yellow, forming a circle. Over this spoon hot oil and cook until the eggs begin to brown around the edges (the whole process should take about one minute). Remove the eggs with a slotted spoon or spatula and let drain briefly on absorbent towelling. Continue to fry the remaining eggs.

When the eggs are ready set them aside on preheated plates to keep warm. Pour off the oil and add the remaining fresh olive oil. Heat the oil and in this saute the pimentos lightly and arrange decoratively around the eggs. In the oil saute the garlic slices until just barely browned. Remove from the flame and let stand 2-3 minutes. Add the vinegar and paprika and cook over a low flame, stirring, and adding a bit of water if the skillet dries out. Cook for 2-3 minutes longer. Sprinkle the eggs with salt, pour the garlic sauce over and serve hot with the bread and butter.

**Cold Garlic Soup with Grapes**

36 fresh almonds, shelled and skinned
½ cup pumpernickel or whole wheat breadcrumbs
8-10 cloves garlic
salt to taste
2 Tbsp. olive oil
1 Tbsp. vinegar
½ kilo white grapes, skinned and seeded
ice cubes as required

Distribute the almonds on a cookie sheet and heat in a low oven for ½ hour. In a food processor or with a mortar and pestle grind the almonds coarsely and then add the breadcrumbs, garlic and salt to taste. Grind together. Add the oil gradually and then add the vinegar. Transfer the mixture to a soup tureen, pour over 2 cups of ice-cold water, add the grapes and add 10-12 ice cubes. Refrigerate until the mixture is well chilled and serve cold.

**Grilled Garlic Chicken**

2 small chickens, quartered
salt and pepper to taste
10-12 cloves garlic, crushed
½ cup lemon juice
6 Tbsp. olive oil
2 Tbsp. parsley, chopped

Season the chicken parts with salt and pepper. Fill a shallow dish with a mixture of the garlic, lemon juice, oil and parsley and in this roll the chicken pieces, coating well. Let marinate for 2-3 hours, turning several times.

Drain the chicken parts and reserve the marinade. Transfer the chicken, skin side down, to a rack; place under a hot broiler about 15 cm from the heat; and grill for 10 minutes, basting occasionally with the cooking juices and marinade. Turn the pieces and grill 10 minutes longer, basting. Turn the pieces once again and brush with the pan drippings until the side facing the heat is well browned. Then turn finally, brush again and let the second side bown. Pour over the remaining pan juices and serve piping hot.

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Information and public relations director Cynthia Gasner co-ordinates the information programs of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth under chair Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner. Yitz'hak Feldman is chair of the Kashruth Council.

As a service to the community, the Kashruth Council provides kashruth and food-related information to thousands of families across Canada, the United States and as far as Israel and Europe, says Rabbi Mordechai Levin, the Council's executive director.

Esther Schwartz, the Council's kosher food consultant, prepares and tests the recipes. The recipes for Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot 1993-5754 include thick tomato-vegetable soup, wild rice salad, zucchini stir fry, savory veal chops and peach/blueberry dessert cake.

Here is a sample from this year's Rosh Hashanah-Sukkot flyer.

**ZUCCHINI STIR FRY**

(Can be made with broccoli or cauliflower)

Serves 6

1 cup green or yellow beans cut diagonally in 1-inch pieces
1 tsp. oil
4 small zucchini, ends cut off and cut into ¼-inch slices
1 rib celery, diced
2 tsp. cornstarch
½ cup cold vegetable stock or cold chicken soup
2 tsp. lemon juice
Salt to taste
2 tsp. sesame seeds

Saute beans in hot oil for 2 minutes. Add zucchini and celery. Stir fry for 3 minutes.

Blend cornstarch with cold liquid until smooth. Add lemon juice and salt; mix. Stir into vegetable mixture and cook, stirring constantly until vegetables are crisp-tender. Add sesame seeds just before serving.

Variation: Substitute ⅓ bunch of broccoli florets or ⅓ head of cauliflower florets for the zucchini.

**SAVORY VEAL CHOPS**

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Serves 6

6 veal chops
1 tsp. oil
1 tbsp. kosher Dijon mustard
½ cup kosher white wine
1 clove garlic, crushed
¼ tsp. pepper
1 tsp. dried basil or 2 tsp. slivered fresh basil leaves
3 green onions, thinly sliced
Garnish: Chopped parsley

Dry chops well, slash each edge. Fry in hot oil allowing 4 minutes on each side. Arrange side by side in a shallow baking dish. In a small bowl, whisk together the mustard, wine, garlic, pepper and basil. Pour over the chops, turning to coat both sides. Sprinkle with sliced green onions. Cover and refrigerate for at least one hour.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Bake covered for 1-1½ hours or until tender. Sprinkle with chopped parsley when serving.

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2 rainbow trout fillets (about ½ lb.)
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3 large tomatoes
¾ cup chopped field cucumber
¼ cup each chopped red pepper and green pepper
2 tbsp finely minced onion
1 small clove garlic, minced
3 tbsp olive oil
2 tbsp red vinegar (kosher)
1 tbsp chopped fresh basil leaves
1 tbsp finely chopped hot green or red pepper
Salt and pepper to taste
Lettuce leaves

Place fish fillets in skillet large enough to hold them in single layer. Sprinkle with lime and lemon juice. Cook, covered, over medium heat for 5 min. or until fish flakes easily with a fork **OR** microwave on full power about 4 min. Drain; reserve liquid. Cool fish.

Peel and chop tomatoes. Combine tomatoes, cucumber, red and green pepper, onion and garlic.

Stir together olive oil, vinegar, reserved liquid from fish, basil, hot pepper and salt and pepper to taste. Pour over tomato mixture. Stir gently to combine.

Remove skin from fish. Chop fish into bite-size pieces. Combine gently with vegetables. Chill briefly. Serve on lettuce lined plates. Serves 6.


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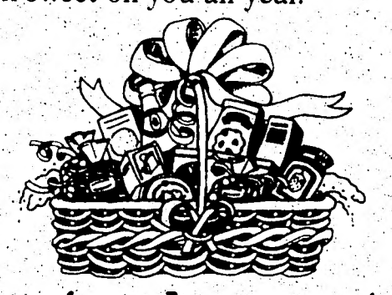

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# Arts

## Eye on Arts

The Toronto New Leadership Group of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada presents East Meets West — A Musical Evening on Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

The event will feature a pot-pourri of Jewish folk music including Allan Merovitz, the vocalist and percussionist from The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, the Yiddish, Russian and Czech songs of Lenya Lichtenberg, Judeo-Spanish music from Judith Cohen, and Victor Abraham with music from Bombay

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### *Sculpture exhibit*

Stoneworks and Company, 55 Avenue Rd. will be holding an exhibition of sculpture and painting in Hazelton Lanes, 55 Avenue Rd., from Sept. 26 to Oct. 9.

The work, in marble, alabaster and limestone, ranges from the abstract to the figurative. Stoneworks and Company is a group of nine artists: Jewish women who make things happen.

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The WUJS Institute in Arad Israel has announced that a second group of artists has been accepted to the Arad Arts Project for October 1993. The program was opened a year ago for creative artists in the plastic arts, performing arts and literature.

The program provides a time and space to create in the spectacular desert environment.

Artists have the opportunity to participate in Hebrew classes and learn about Israel's culture and society. They get involved with the community of Arad and meet their Israeli counterparts and other key figures in the artistic community of Israel.

The project begins once a year in October. The deadline is July 15.

For more information call WUJS co-ordinator in New York at (212) 339-6051.

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The Koffler Gallery will premiere Yvonne Singer's In Memoriam: Forgetting and Remembering Fragments of History on Sept. 8 at 8 p.m.

The exhibit is an installation which uses the story of Raoul Wallenberg as a metaphor for examining the construction of public mythologies by exposing some of the ways in which histories are written and experienced. The exhibit consists of two rooms installed as studies in contrast while sharing characteristics, such as the use of text, that make them part of a larger whole.

### *Historical text*

The exhibit catalogue includes historical text by Dr. Carmela Patrias of York University and curatorial text by Ihor Holubizky, contemporary curator at the Art Gallery of Hamilton.

An artist's talk will be held on Sept. 26 at 12:30 p.m. A panel discussion will be held Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

In the Loggia Gallery, Jennifer McMackon's exhibit Hearing Test will be on display starting Sept 8. This new multi-media installation is loosely based on audiometry, a clinical method for diagnosing acuity in hearing.

Both exhibitions continue through Oct. 13.


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# *Traditions, Diaspora examined on TV series*

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

A major two-part documentary on Judaism, *Being Jewish*, will be broadcast by TVOntario on Sept. 13 and 14 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.

The programs, produced by Toronto filmmaker Jonathan Perlman, examine Jewish tradition and the current state of North American Jewry.

Meanwhile, on Sept. 14, Vision TV's *Roots, Faith and Culture* series will present a documentary on the Lubavitch sect, *What is a Jew?*

It focuses on the 20,000 Lubavitchers of New York City, with emphasis on its now-ailing leader, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

*Being Jewish*, a stimulating undertaking, takes the forum of a symposium. More than 40 people are interviewed, including American, Canadian, Israeli and British scholars, rabbis, intellectuals, laymen and community leaders.

Ruth Wisse, a Yiddish Studies professor at Harvard formerly of McGill, claims that Judaism can't be "reduced to sound bites." But she's wrong. *Being Jewish* tackles a big, complex subject and acquits itself honorably.

In segment one, themes ranging the gamut from creation to belief in God are addressed intelligently.

Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University, says he believes in "something beyond." But Dr. Henry Morgentaler, president of the Canadian Humanist Association, counters, "There is absolutely no necessity to believe in God because it is a concept which cannot be proven."

Moses Znaimer, president of City TV, rejects the idea that Jews are the Chosen People. But Rabbi Shmuel Butman of the Lubavitch movement declares, "We are the chosen people. We were chosen by God."

In part two, topics like intermarriage, assimilation and Jewish continuity are held up for examination.

Alan Dershowitz, a Harvard law professor, warns that Jews are "dropping out" because Judaism "doesn't provide a positive enough magnet to them to remain Jewish."

Can the Jewish people survive?

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, a rabbi in the West Bank settlement of Efrat, is emphatic. "You have to take Judaism seriously," he says. "And you can't take Judaism seriously if you don't know Hebrew. You can't take Judaism seriously if you can't study the bible and Talmud... You've got to live a Jewish life, otherwise in the Diaspora it will disappear."

*What is a Jew?* looks at Lubavitch Jews on their homeground in Crown Heights, Brooklyn.

We see members of that sect paying their respects to the rebbe, dancing frenziedly at a religious festival, shopping for fish and baked goods, trying on wigs, walking the streets of their ethnically-mixed neighborhood and studying in a yeshiva.

Lubavitch Jews, we're told, believe they have the answer to that age-old, unsettled question, Who is a Jew?

The Lubavitch movement is active in 28 countries and is obviously influential. But it has its detractors. A Reform rabbi in Manhattan likens its acolytes to fundamentalists, while a famous scholar in Britain says they live in "a spiritual ghetto," with their eyes and ears shut to the external world.

*What is a Jew?* dwells at length on the frail figure of the aged rebbe, a charismatic, beloved man in his insulated community. We see him doling out $1 bills to a stream of adulating pilgrims.

The film, which is never dull, focuses as well on Lubavitch's problematical relationship with the blacks of Crown Heights and its ever-widening political influence, both in Brooklyn and in Israel

In short, *What is a Jew?* is a fine primer on the world of Lubavitch.

# *Yiddish folk singer's music both funny and emotional*

By BEN ROSE

**TORONTO** — When the Yiddish folk singer Faye Kellerstein finished a concert recently, her parents, Chaya and Feivel Zuker, were nearby, selling her first cassette of Yiddish songs, *A Faygele Zingt*.

In 1981, her father, now a Torah reader at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, opposed her decision to sing in public. He has since relented.

One of the first customers approached Kellerstein's parents, saying, "My sister-in-law cried when she heard it and I want to cry too."

Not that all of *A Faygele Zingt* will bring tears, although *A Brivele der Maman (A Letter to Mother)* and *Farges Mich Nit (Forget Me Not)*, among others, are sure to tug at your heartstrings.

But there are lots of laughs too in this cassette which Kellerstein, who taught French and English at Bathurst Heights High School for seven years, had to finance with $10,000 out of her own pocket.

For instance, Nathan Garnick's introduction to *Abi Gezunt (As Long as You're Healthy)*. "What does it matter," says Garnick, "if I'm downhearted, if I have a bad taste in my mouth, and if I have dizzy spells, as long as I'm healthy."

Kellerstein credits the infectious enthusiasm of accompanist Jordan Klapman for the cassette's quality. The Winnipeg-born composer was amazed when he first heard the songs. "You mean there is Yiddish music with jazz and uptempo?" he asked. "This is what I've wanted to do all my life." Within a few days, Klapman had formed a new group, The Klezmorin.

Nowhere is the partnership of the golden-voiced singer and the jazz musician better exemplified than in *Un a Malach Zingt (And the Angels Sing)* with Kellerstein's Yiddish adaptation of the words to Ziggy Elman's song.

**Faye Kellerstein**

Kellerstein recalls her parents opposition when she launched her singing career. "They thought I was crazy. 'Why do, you want to sing in Yidish? It's a dying language.' And my reply was, 'That's why I want to do it, to keep it alive.' "

Born in a refugee camp in postwar Germany, the singer is office manager for her dentist- husband, Dr. Martin Kellerstein, also a native and fluent Yiddish speaker, who was born on a train between Russia and Germany.

The Kellersteins have three children, Rebecca, 19, Jeremy, 17, and David, 16, all of whom attended the parochial school system and took Yiddish classes on Sunday mornings.

*A Feygele Zingt* is available in Jewish book stores and synagogue gift shops. For information call 633- 6558.

# Arts

# *Sephardi folk singer Jagoda awakens Bosnians' emotions*

By MLADEN OVADIJA

**TORONTO** — The evening of August 13 at Toronto's Temple Sinai was special. As a part of the Our Musical Legacy concert series led by Ben Steinberg, Flory Jagoda appeared, a Sephardi folk singer living in Washington, DC, but born and raised in Sarajevo.

Her performance awakened plenty of emotion and remembrance of both recent and historical destinies of Bosnian Jews. It was a rare opportunity to enjoy one of the last remnants of traditional Bosnian-Sephardi singing, so little known in Canada.

With her natural, easygoing stage presence, storyteller's gift and musical sensitivity she brought up an air of these quietly melancholic songs, exotic in their expression as well as close in their simple humanity.

The Sephardi musical heritage covers the whole Mediterranean basin where the Spanish medieval Jews spread out when expelled from their country on Tisha b'Av 1492. One branch of that diaspora ended up in the Balkan peninsula, in the past a part of the powerful Ottoman Empire. They called their language Ladino, coined from ladinar, meaning to translate the Torah from Hebrew into Spanish.

This ancient Castilian was enriched with many Hebrew words, and also were added Slavic and Turkish words from the new environment. Although based on the same roots as other parts of the Sephardi musical heritage which owe so much to oriental rhythm, melody and mood, Bosnian songs have their own unique character due to the influence of sevdalinka, the Muslim folk lyric ballad. Jagoda's subtle arrangements did not spoil this genuine Bosnian mood.

The songs in Jagoda's repertory vividly depict the daily lives, religious observances, memories and longings of Sephardim preserved largely by the women who used to sing while embroidering in shady courtyards of their modest homes.

Flory Jagoda

What gave appeal to this musical evening was the small group of Bosnians in the audience. Having escaped from their war-torn homeland, now settled in Toronto, they profoundly understood Flory's nostalgic singing. Their response to the familiar songs sent an electrical charge into the atmosphere.

The sorrowful melody of *Audio Querida* is said to have been learned from Italian Sephardi by Giuseppe Verdi and used for his famous aria in *La Traviata*. Jagoda sang it during her last performance in Sarajevo some years ago, and we all sang it along with her then. Now, she invited the audience to sing along once more and, for us, it evoked intense memories of the whole Sarajevo Jewish community singing the song in unison, with tears.

"Adio querida, no quiero la vida me l'amargates tu." — "Farewell my darling, I don't want the life you have embittered for me." While Sarajevo is bleeding and literally starving, the meaning of the verse bears more than a symbolic value.

Jagoda's concert was acclaimed and welcomed in Temple Sinai as a vital part of the Jewish musical legacy. The Bosnian Sephardi songs in particular, in such imminent danger of disappearing, happen to be like dying coals in need of some gentle breath which may yet fan them back into life.

# *Fine arts school moves to mansion*

**TORONTO** — A fine arts school, operating since 1978 in a large basement room in the home of director Lola Rasminsky in Forest Hill, is moving in September to a beautiful Victorian mansion on Avenue Road which once housed the Royal Conservatory of Music. It is next to Brown Public School.

The Avenue Road Arts School will be in a beautiful old turn of the century home with a fireplace and stain glassed windows in every room. Rasminsky, the daughter of former Bank of Canada governor Louis Rasminsky, was able to create five large studios in the house, including a sculpture and pottery studio in the basement, complete with kiln.

Rasminsky is president of the Canadian Society for Advancement of Gifted Education whose main purpose is to support the Israel Academy of Arts and Science.

In its Forest Hill quarters, the arts school taught more than 800 children in the last 15 years and 200 adults in the last two years.

The fine arts kindergarten offers an integrated arts program, where a theme is explored through stories, drama, visual arts, music and movement. Children in the after school club and the adults arts group delve into their area of interest in depth with 10 week courses being taught by well known teachers, including sculptor Sorel Etrog, novelist Robina Salter and Music Professor Casey Sokol. The school's board of advisors includes composer Oskar Morawetz, Dr. Jennifer Hardacre of the Institute of Child Study and Judy Sarick, owner of the Children's Bookstore.

## *Adult program*

Some of the courses offered in the adult program include play reading, song writing, and Broadway show tune sing-a-long. There will also be an intergenerational choir and classes in magic and stand-up comedy. The idea is for people to have fun exploring their own creativity in a relaxed atmosphere.

For more information call the Avenue Road Arts School, 961-1502.

## Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

# *Fiction stories skilfully related*

**Listening for Somersaults, by Shel Krakofsky (General Publishing, $10).**

This slender paperbound volume, winner of the Okanagan Fiction Award, contains a number of memorable and singular stories. Varied in nature, they are skilfully related by Shel Krakofsky, a poet and practicing physician who lives in a farming community near London, Ont.

The author seamlessly combines his knowledge and love of the Jewish tradition with material that is humorous and whimsical, poignant and compassionate. He loves baseball and some of the stories are about aspects of the game and some of its colorful devotees.

The most accomplished of the stories, *Ginsberg's Mechitza* concerns an elderly Orthodox grocer, who for 30 years maintains a barrier of seven wooden barrels in his small, relatively unfrequented, store. Men are served to the left of the barrels, women to the right. "These old oak barrels, their shapes maintained by rusted rims, had served as a mechitza from the early days when the Jewish immigrants used Ginsberg's store as the shule on Shabbat," Krakofsky writes. "One week, he forgot to push the barrels against the wall after Havdalah and the tradition was born. Besides, he told his wife, one should work according to the way one prays. And she quite liked the arrangement . . . eventually, all the Jews left and his wife died. Ginsberg kept his barrels as a memorial to his wife and his past. Nobody seemed to care."

One day a villainous harridan threatens the gentle grocer with violence and, in a demonic frenzy, destroys the barrels. Some days later she is found dead and discovered to be a male, as well as a Jew. Ginsberg dutifully and mournfully, with the help of an old gentile friend, performs the last rites. A few days later his friend silently but resolutely restores the barrels to form a new mechitza.

The last sentence, like the story itself, is reminiscent of the style of Malamud. "The tears had formed in their eyes long before the two men embraced."

*Aleinu In One-part Harmony* tells of the widow Fishbein who in a small Toronto Orthodox shul insists on loudly singing the Aleinu prayer to the consternation of the male members. A hilarious battle of wills develops between her and the determined opposition — a duelling of Aleinus — until she wins over other women to her side. "Each succeeding week at the Soproner Shule, the singing of Eleinu, from beginning to end, became the loudest, lustiest prayer sung on Shabbat. The men on their side, the women on theirs, developed a grudging harmony, the competition diminishing each passing week, some even calling the sound freilich."

In *The Minyan*, a mysterious stranger who resembles Elijah the Prophet manages to gather a minyan for an unbelieving Jew who wants to recite Kaddish for his mother on her Yahrzeit. The small group gathers and quickly exchanges insults. Acrimony leads to bitter debate and ends in fisticuffs. The disillusioned stranger looks on with disgust and disappointment. He murmurs, "You're not ready for me" as he disappears into the shadows of the street.

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# Travel

## *Plethora of hotels found in New York*

By BILL GLADSTONE

The bagel and cream cheese breakfast on the American Airlines flight to New York is a fitting introduction to the most Jewish metropolis on the planet.

Once the jet touches down, overnight travellers often wish to drop their things off at the hotel. But which hotel? Choosing one can be difficult, given the plethora.

If you're rich, this article may help you. Herewith, a description of select hotels, mostly around Central Park South, where some of the Big Apple's most exclusive properties are located.

Towering over Central Park at 61st St., Hotel Pierre is one of the top luxury hotels in Manhattan. Looking resplendent after a recent restoration, it is a private condo residential building with 206 rooms and suites (about one-quarter of its space) available to hotel guests. The property is managed by the Four Seasons hotel chain headed by savvy Toronto-based hotelier Isadore Sharp.

"Mr. Sharp comes out and literally inspects each room as it's being done over," says hotel catering manager, Herbert Rose. "He'll change a table or he'll change a curtain. Nothing is done to formula." Sharp's hands-on approach may be the reason for the Pierre's sterling reputation — and the Four Seasons remarkable international success.

More first-class hotels are crowded around Central Park South than most countries of the United Nations can boast. Only the top echelon of the travelling public can afford such luxury, but their often spectacular lobbies, restaurants and tea rooms are worth a visit.

The Pierre is one of several luxury properties around Central Park South that have been restored recently. Others include the Essex House, a stylish establishment run by Marriott, and the Plaza, the Trump-owned institution at 5th and 59th.

After closing for three years for a stunning overhaul, the St. Regis Hotel at 5th and 55th reopened last year to the printed delight of reviewers at the *New York Times*, *Architectural Digest* and other publications. The flagship of the Sheraton chain, the St. Regis was built 90 years ago by American tycoon John Jacob Astor, who wanted his friends visiting from Europe to feel at home in these Old World-style palatial digs.

Astor, who died in the Titanic, created what now the most genuine grand hotel in New York City. It is also the priciest. The least expensive room (called "Superior") goes for $350 a night. What does one get for such money? Besides a classic room at a posh address, you receive the personal attention of a "maitre d'etage" — a butler in white tie and tails who unpacks suitcase, makes tea, arranges theatre tickets and handles other details of the stay.

### *Luxury row*

Another hotel on luxury row is the Ritz-Carlton, a comfortable, clubby hotel with rooms that start about $230. Affable and garrulous, Norman, the bartender in the Ritz Carlton Jockey Club, has become a legend.

As one moves around Manhattan, dozens of posh-looking inns recommend themselves to the eye. Many aspire to be as elegant as the Pierre, as fancy as the St. Regis, as cosy as the Ritz-Carlton, and some even succeed.

The Millenium recently opened about a block or two from the World Trade Centre (WTC), and may still be filled with insurance agents tallying damage from the recent WTC bombing.

In mid-town, the modish, colorful Hotel Macklowe is a breath of fresh air from a design standpoint; it's a great place to be from a theatre standpoint as well. The Grand Hyatt, above Grand Central Station, has a memorable lobby and a ballroom big enough to contain the Ringling Brothers gala parties once held there. But what of the Mark, the Drake, the Hilton, the Inter-Continental, the Helmsleys and so many other properties? In a megalopolis like New York, a simple choice can be simply overwhelming.

## TRAVEL TALK

The Jewish Community Centers Association of St. Louis, in co-operation with Bon Voyage Travel, is sponsoring the Tenth Annual Nationwide Jewish Singles Supercruise '94.

This year's seven-day cruise sails from San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Royal Caribbean's Monarch of the Seas from Feb. 6 to 13.

The cruise package includes round-trip airfare from most major U.S. cities to San Juan, transfers to the port, all meals and snacks throughout the day including a midnight buffet, a variety of exclusive singles activities, seven lounges, a shipshape fitness centre and health spa, two deluxe cocktail parties and many more exciting activities.

To reserve accommodations, participants are required to each make a $200 deposit with final payments due Nov. 9. Cruise prices will increase after Oct. 15 and space will be very limited.

For more information or to make reservations, please call Shirley or Lydia at Bon Voyage Travel, 1-800-327-3579 or the Jewish Community Centers Association at (314) 432-5700, ext. 151.

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The Scottsdale Princess, an AAA Five Diamond luxury resort, has recently completed the addition of a banquet kosher kitchen to complement the resort's award-winning culinary facilities.

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### Correction

The article Israel proves real eye-opener for CFRB commentator Barrie [*CJN* Aug. 26] stated that the Metulla sports complex was built by Canadian Walter Hess. The complex was built by United Israel Appeal Canada, and named in honor of Walter Hess, who until his death two years ago was executive vice-president of UIA Canada. Hess was a native of South Africa.


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*Mr. Leonard*

# Lorne & Jeffrey Gertner

*Recession? What recession? At a time when many Toronto-based businesses are crying the blues, apparel manufacturer Mister Leonard Inc. is bucking the trend and actually making money, reversing two slow years in the late 1980s. With sales of $75 million in 1991, the manufacturer of quality women's clothing bounced back with sales of $110 million in 1992 and is forecasting continuing growth in '93 as well.*

*A family-run business founded by Sam Gertner 28 years ago, Mister Leonard is now under the stewardship of his two sons, Lorne, 38, and Jeffrey, 42. Facing cutthroat competition, the two have modernized the company's operations to help prepare it for the market of the '90s. With 600 employees, Mister Leonard is the largest garment industry employer in Toronto. Lorne and Jeffrey Gertner recently spoke to* The CJN*'s Paul Lungen in their offices in Toronto's downtown fashion district.*

**CJN:** *What is the market you aim for and how has that changed over time?*

**Lorne:** Mister Leonard is a producer of ladies clothing and basically what we're aiming to do is clothe as many women as humanly possible. So our market is a large span. We don't make junior clothing but we make a concept of clothing for women [we call] ageless clothing. In the past we were predominantly considered as a manufacturer of clothing for women who were probably in their 40s, 50s and 60s. Today we are in a process called "down-aging," which is something that's going on in the marketplace generally. We cater to a market that is much broader, so our customer could be in her 20s, 30s, or she could be in her 50s. Essentially what we produce is classic clothing.

**CJN:** *You say you are down-aging. Why is that?*

**Lorne:** I used to look at my grandparents when they were in their 60s and saw them as so old. And when I look at my father today, he's 71, he's not old. [Today], a 71-year-old thinks of himself as a 50-year-old, a 50-year-old thinks of himself as a 30-year-old. I'm 38 and I don't think of myself as being old at all. And I think that's a trend that's going on in the way people think of themselves and perceive themselves. We don't consider ourselves old.

**CJN:** *How do the clothes reflect that?*

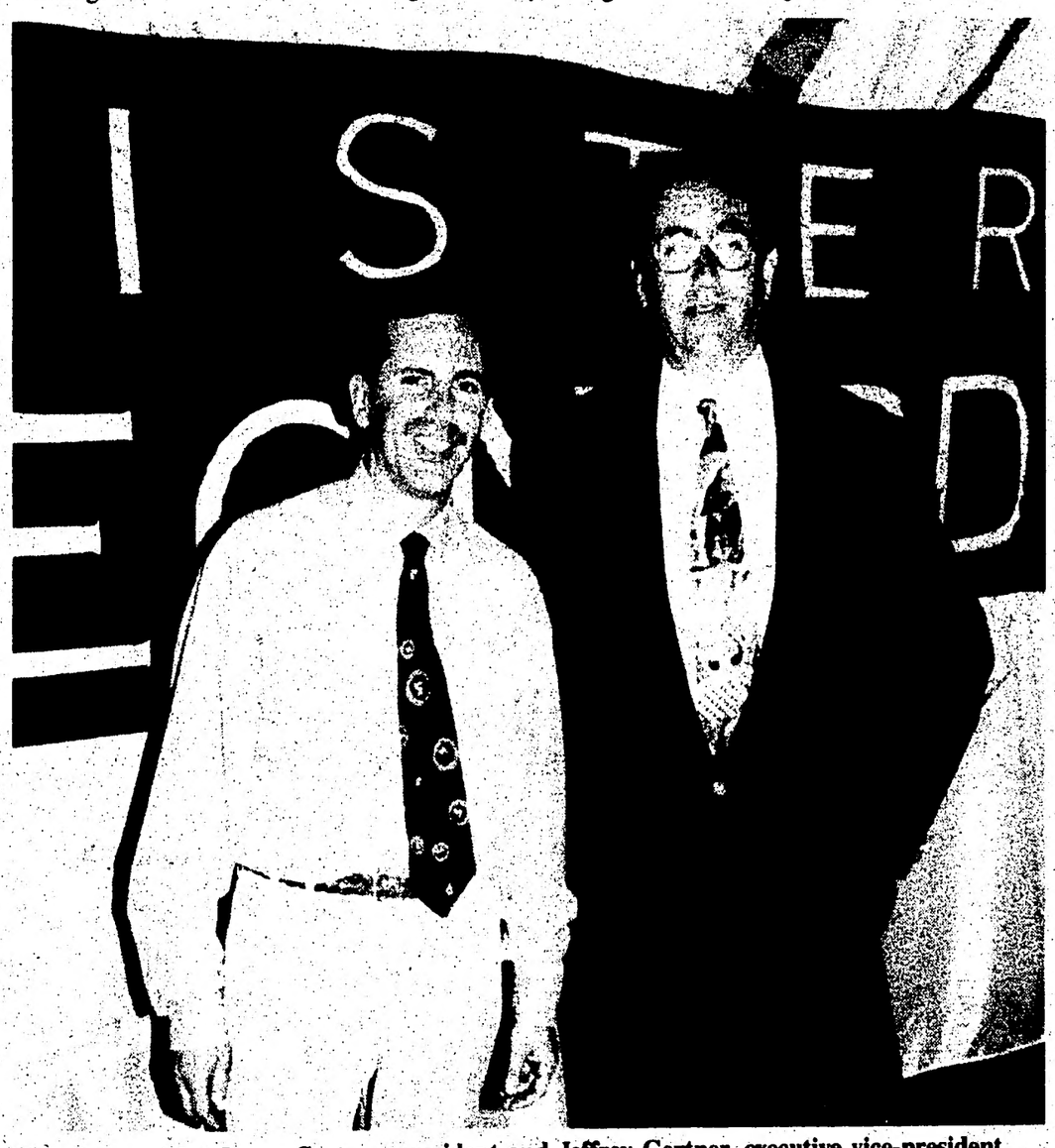
**Lorne:** The clothes reflect that by being ageless, classic and timeless. We're not dealing with clothes that scream down the street. We're dealing with clothes that are in good taste and that are for a broader audience. There are people who want to look good, who want to be classy. We use [the actress] Stephanie Powers as somebody we envision as our customer. She may be in her 50s, but she's ageless. She's somebody we look at as being classy. We look at Candice Bergen (*Murphy Brown*) as the same kind of person. We don't consider them as being old.

**CJN:** *Is that something that women themselves are demanding?*

**Lorne:** Yes. We do formal focus groups where we sit together with our customer and we find out what she wants and expects from us. At the same time we go to the streets. A prime example is that we stand in the concourse behind the Royal York Hotel, where people leave their office buildings to catch the Go Train. You get a real sense of what people are wearing and what they want.

Not only do we stand there and watch, we talk to them and if we see them wearing something that we like we'll stop them and talk to them and find out why they like it. And if we're on track, we'll say, wow that's great, where did you get that? And we'll try to find out if she thinks it's as great as I think it is, where she got it, who it was made by and why she bought it. We try to find out what makes her tick and what excites her.

**CJN:** *Are businesswomen your main target group?*



**Left to right, Lorne Gertner, president and Jeffrey Gertner, executive vice-president.**

**Lorne:** Our products are segmented. We produce career apparel, which is business apparel, and we produce lifestyle clothing, and we produce casual clothing. "Career" is what someone traditionally wears to work; "lifestyle" is something you could wear to work or wear casually, and we make a line of casual wear — denims, sweats. Our goal is to meet all our customers' needs.

We've made casual clothing for a long time but it began to be a strength about six years ago.

**CJN:** *Is there a trend where women are more apt to buy casual wear versus more formal clothing for work?*

**Lorne:** It [has been] changing but I think there's a swing coming back, not to more formal wear, but a lot of research and future trending that I'm reading is talking about a dress code. I think we are going through a time where you can wear anything you want, and really The Gap is one of the strongest influences in the marketplace.

But at the same time, there are a lot of working women who still believe in career apparel. And I think you'll find that in fashion, what comes around goes around and I think you'll see people wearing career apparel more and more.

**CJN:** *Is international expansion something you have to do in your business?*

**Lorne:** If we're going to compete on any level, we have to compete globally. We need those economies of scales. Eight months ago we opened an office in Dallas, which is our head U.S. office. We're now selling throughout the United States. We're now negotiating to have our own factory in China, which will allow us to tap into the Chinese marketplace.

We're exploring the possibility of entering the British marketplace. Russia and Mexico are in our future plans. We want to double our sales in the next three years.

We have a mission, a vision in this company, and that's to be the best at everything we do. Whether that's manufacturing, designing, merchandizing, selling, to be the best presser, the best president. Our vision is that Mister Leonard, whether in Canada, the United States, Britain, China or Hong Kong, should be the best company to work for.

**CJN:** *What effect has the recession had on your business? Do you have to tailor your product to meet people's ability to pay?*

**Lorne:** Like any supplier out there, we have to be more cost conscious and more price conscious than we've ever been. But I think that we're fortunate that we've always made a value-added product so that in times like these we thrive more than the high-end market.

I think one deals with the recession [by offering] affordable clothing. We put together a package that makes financial sense for women and we've developed a concept called "your fashion advantage" that takes two jackets, three bottoms (pants and skirt) and four tops, and mixes and matches them together for 20 outfits, one for every working day of the month. It can all be purchased for under $1,000 retail. It gives you big bang for your buck.

**Jeffrey:** We're also cutting costs. We're developing new ways to manufacture. Technology is playing a huge part in our business. By adding technology we can accept increased business without adding people. So we can get incremental growth without increasing overhead.

**CJN:** *What sorts of technology are you talking about?*

**Jeffrey:** CAD — computer-aided design, computer-aided manufacturing tools. We started using it in the 1981 recession, in a small way. In this recession, we're doing it in a much bigger way. The whole technological revolution has now really taken hold in the economy and we're trying to get everything to meld together. The main purpose, the main goal, is that you only enter your information once. It's distributed across the broadest base.

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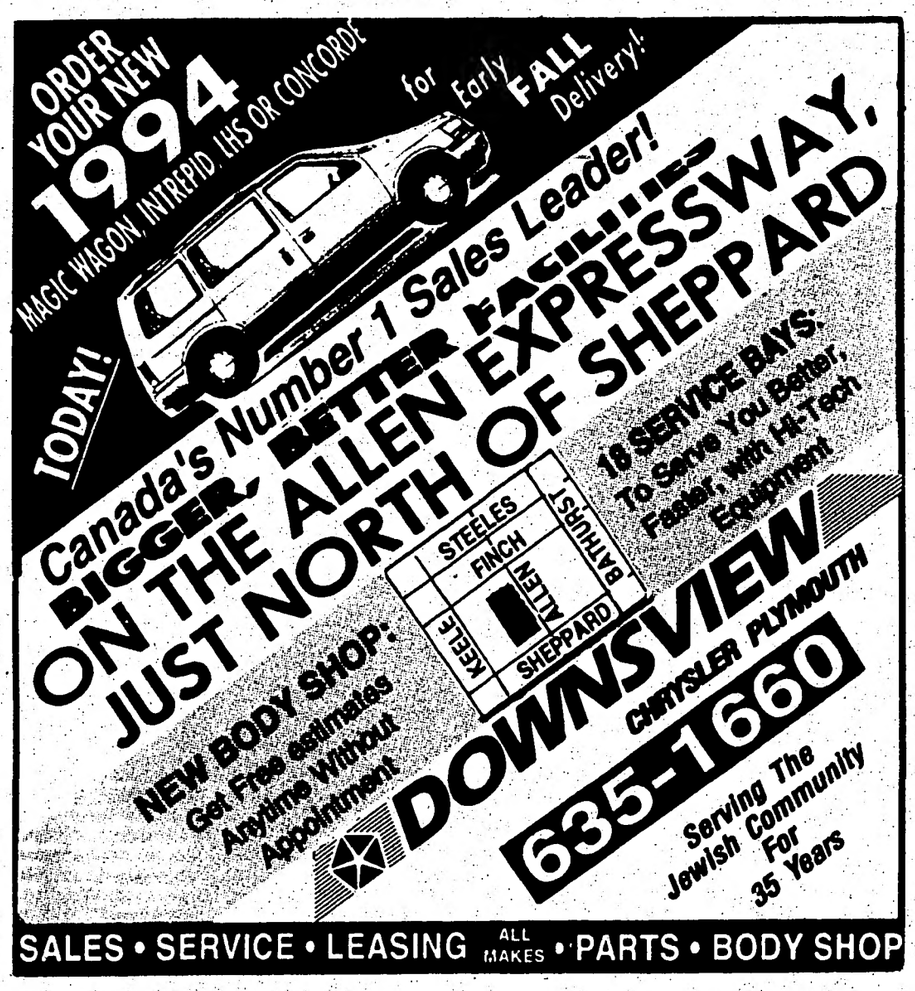


# Lorne and Jeffrey Gertner

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**CJN:** *What sort of information?*

**Jeffrey:** [In the previous system] you used to enter an order in a manual system and then have to re-enter it into production and third time into your invoicing. Today, with a computer in your administration, you only have to enter the order once and it gets distributed to all the different departments.

We used to make a pattern manually. With CAD, we're now making it on the computer. So design comes up with a sketch — even that we're changing so that all their sketches will be on computer — and from there it will transmitted to the pattern-maker who will take that sketch and interpret it on a computer and devise the pattern pieces. From there it will be sent to the grading computer which will automatically grade it into the various sizes, based on mathematical proportions. The computer will be set to make a marker and the marker will put all those pattern pieces in to allow the best use of the fabric.

**Lorne:** We operate out of several locations, including an office in Southeast Asia, and it used to be a hindrance to be spread out around the world. With new technology, if we make a pattern in this building on a computer, you press a button and it goes to our facility three blocks away and from there it goes to our next machine, our next computer. Before you used to have to create a hard pattern, cut it out, walk it over to our plant and they used to have to play with it manually then walk it to the next stage. Today it all goes over the phone lines.

**Jeffrey:** What used to take you two weeks from start to finish you can now do in a day.

**CJN:** *Are your competitors also using this technology?*

**Jeffrey:** We're definitely leading the way in Toronto. We're leading the way in parts of the world. I think we have the largest silhouette (pattern-making) facility in all the world.

**CJN:** *Does the use of computers mean that you've cut staff or do you have the same number of people working for you as 10 years ago?*

**Jeffrey:** A little bit of both. In certain areas we've cut staff, in certain areas we've been able to keep the same amount of staff without any increase, and they're doing more things.

**Lorne:** We went through a period in the late '80s where we cut our workforce. Because our sales have grown, we're [now] increasing our workforce rather than shrinking it.

**CJN:** *Is it the same kind of people that you're hiring, or is it people with different talents doing different jobs?*

**Lorne:** I think it's a bit of both. I think we're hiring similar [people] to those we used to hire, but at the same, we're hiring younger [people].

**Jeffrey:** Their skills levels are different. They have to be able to adapt. They need computer experience.

**Lorne:** We have a very youthful team.

**CJN:** *How has the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and NAFTA affected your business, if at all?*

**Jeffrey:** It definitely has affected our business. Number one, it's taken away some of the protection that we've had as far as pricing. It's allowed new competition into the marketplace and we see that already.

**CJN:** *Where is this new competition coming from? The United States? Mexico?*

**Jeffrey:** The United States primarily.

**CJN:** *We hear a lot of businesses crying the blues about the FTA, saying it will drive jobs out and put businesses in jeopardy. How do you see it?*

**Jeffrey:** It probably will in the apparel business as well because in apparel we did not get a FTA. We got a very restrictive quota-oriented portion of the agreement. That is, under free trade, everything depends on where the fabric was woven even though you did tremendous value-added work in manufacturing a product. As long as it was made of foreign fabric, that garment was not considered Canadian- or U.S.-made. If we bought fabric in Europe, paid the duties and converted it into a blouse or skirt or jacket, that wasn't considered Canadian-made or North American-made.

Under NAFTA, there's even a further restriction where fibres will determine. . . whether a product is North American-made or made offshore.

**Lorne:** I think what free trade does is that it forces us to be global, to think the way Americans do. We're looking to the American market not only for sales so that we can get an economy of scale, but we're looking as much to the United States today as to Europe for our fashion direction.

We used to be able to sit here in our own country and feel secluded and isolated and we could think of ourselves in fashion as more of an extension of Europe than the United States. Today I think we think of ourselves as much more of an extension of the United States.

**CJN:** *Both of you came to this business from other careers. (Lorne was an architect, Jeffrey a business school graduate). What was the adjustment like for both of you?*

**Lorne:** It was difficult initially because the apparel business traditionally has not been a professionally-oriented business. What me and Jeff bring to the business is a professionalism that is new and fresh. It's mainly a business that was built on hard knocks. You grew up on the street and worked your way up from shipper and you swept floors or were a cutter or you sewed and you worked your way up the ranks. You were hard in terms of your outlook on life. I think we bring a freshness to it that says, this is a great business, how do we improve it and take it from being a shmatta business to an apparel company of the '90s?

**Jeffrey:** I think being in other work helped us in where we're going. It gives you different ways of presenting arguments, a better insight into technological changes going on.

**Lorne:** I think we're marketers today as opposed to just producers of garments.

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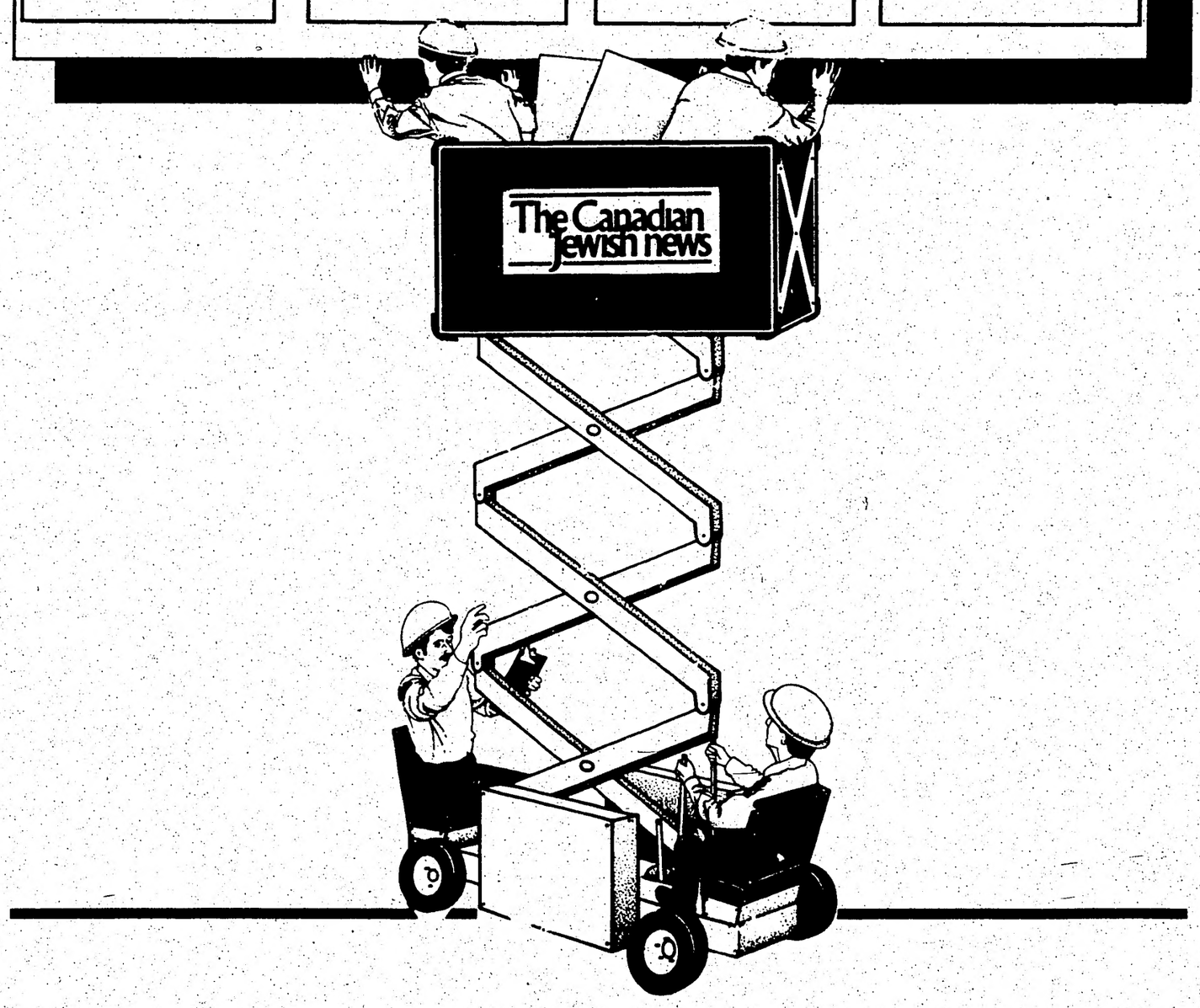


# A professional communicator

By LORI DENNIS

TORONTO — As the job market becomes increasingly more specialized, and as businesses struggle to capture a higher market share, the one skill that can give both individuals and companies an edge these days is the ability to communicate effectively.

While effective communications may be viewed as a "soft" business skill to some, Shawn Zevit sees it differently. Zevit, of Shawn Zevit Creative Communications, says communication skills are the hard skills of the future, the building blocks for job advancement and successful business management.

"The people who know how to communicate effectively, who can relate to one another, get their message across clearly, take criticism without taking it personally and who can speak up for themselves are the people who will survive the next decade," he says.

Communication comes in all forms. Whether it's chatting with co-workers around the water cooler, delegating responsibilities, making formal presentations or communicating by E-Mail, telephone or letter, we all have to be cognizant of our own particular style and what it says to those around us, warns Zevit.

"Most impo.tantly, we have to be in control of what we say and how we say it rather than letting it control us. The goal is not to just get our information across but to make sure that the listener understands what we have to say — in their own terms.

As individuals and companies search for that "special something" to set them apart from their competition and improve their bottom line, more and more people are turning to communications consultants like Zevit for help.

Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt, one of Canada's foremost law firms, recently contracted Zevit to conduct a series of workshops he calls The Art of Effective Communications. Offering the firm's administrative staff a host of techniques in both verbal and non-verbal communications (because silence is a form of communication too), as well as workshops on improving presentation skills, how to engage in active listening, and focusing on the other person, Zevit gave these and hundreds of others the tools required for creative expression and effective teamwork.

"Clear communication is the foundation of the Total Quality Management that we've been seeking," says Ellen Imrie, manager of training and development at Osler, Hoskin and Harcourt.

"Our firm has always made a commitment to efficiency and to ensuring the highest level of service to our clients. We welcome anything that will have a positive impact on our employees, that will give them confidence and new skills and ultimately improve the bottom line. We also know that Total Quality Management is nothing if people can't communicate effectively. Without strong communications, TQM is nothing more than a buzzword," she says.

"The word teamwork has also been thrown around a lot in the business sector. But it's pretty meaningless if you don't give people the skills they need to work well together.

"We must also recognize that there is a high business cost associated with poor communications," says Imrie. "It's one thing to want to put a new policy in place and quite another to do it effectively. As managers, we must ensure that our employees clearly understand what's expected of them. After all, people are the glue that make the strategies stick."

Zevit, who has been successfully running his communications company for more than a year now, is an accomplished facilitator, actor, writer and director. With his background in theatre arts — 10 years in educational theatre and a founding member of Trinity Theatre, one of Canada's leading educational theatre companies — it's no wonder that Zevit is a strong believer in helping people find their creativity and their inherent ability to meet the world head-on.

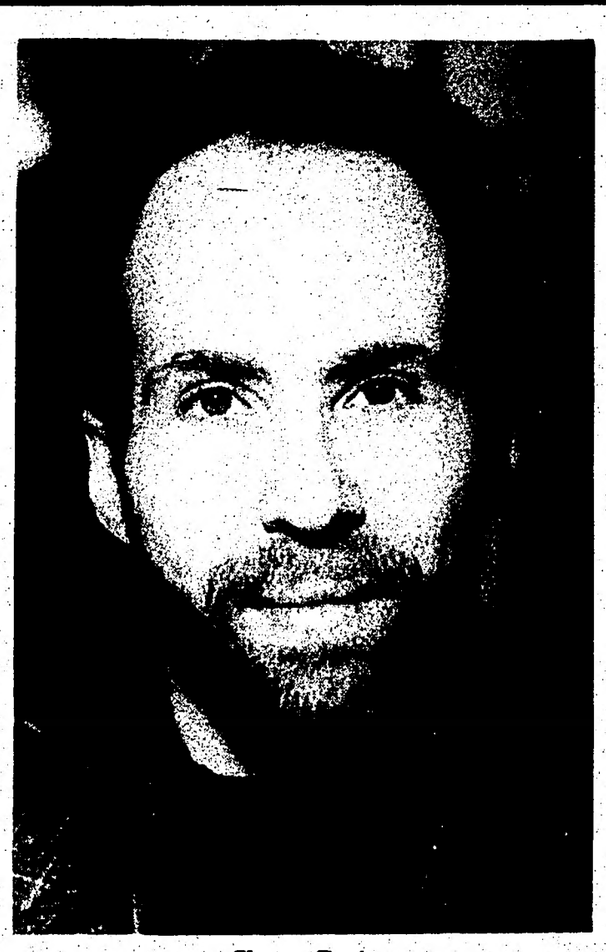
Through improvisation, creativity exercises, voice and body awareness, and specific presentation skills, Zevit takes people through four key stages to help them find the natural communicator or "storyteller" inside.

The first step is awareness — taking a look at where you are now, focusing on the moment at hand and how you are perceived by others. The second stage is awkwardness — recognizing the "bad" habits that you've acquired over the years and developing the willingness to let them go. Thirdly, there's learning new skills to replace those bad habits. And finally, learning ways to integrate these skills into your everyday interactions.

Some practical skills include becoming aware of your own internal dialogue, known as "the third eye" in theatre. That voice inside that may be inadvertently stopping you from being effective. Another is to increase your listening power by focusing on others when you're talking rather than worrying about your own self-consciousness.

The bottom line is learning to make that all important connection with others through techniques like feed-back and paraphrasing to ensure that they're listening and have heard your message clearly.

Zevit who works out of his Toronto office, is planning to open another branch in Philadelphia soon. He is very involved in the Jewish community, offering a Professionalize Yourself course at the Leah Posluns Theatre, conducting workshops for the UJA, and as a founder of Chavarah Kehilia.



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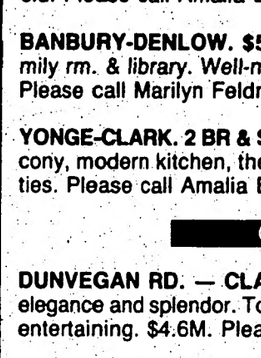

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**The unveiling** of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Benjamin Melnik** will take place on Sunday, September 5, 1993, 11:00am, at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park, Pultusker Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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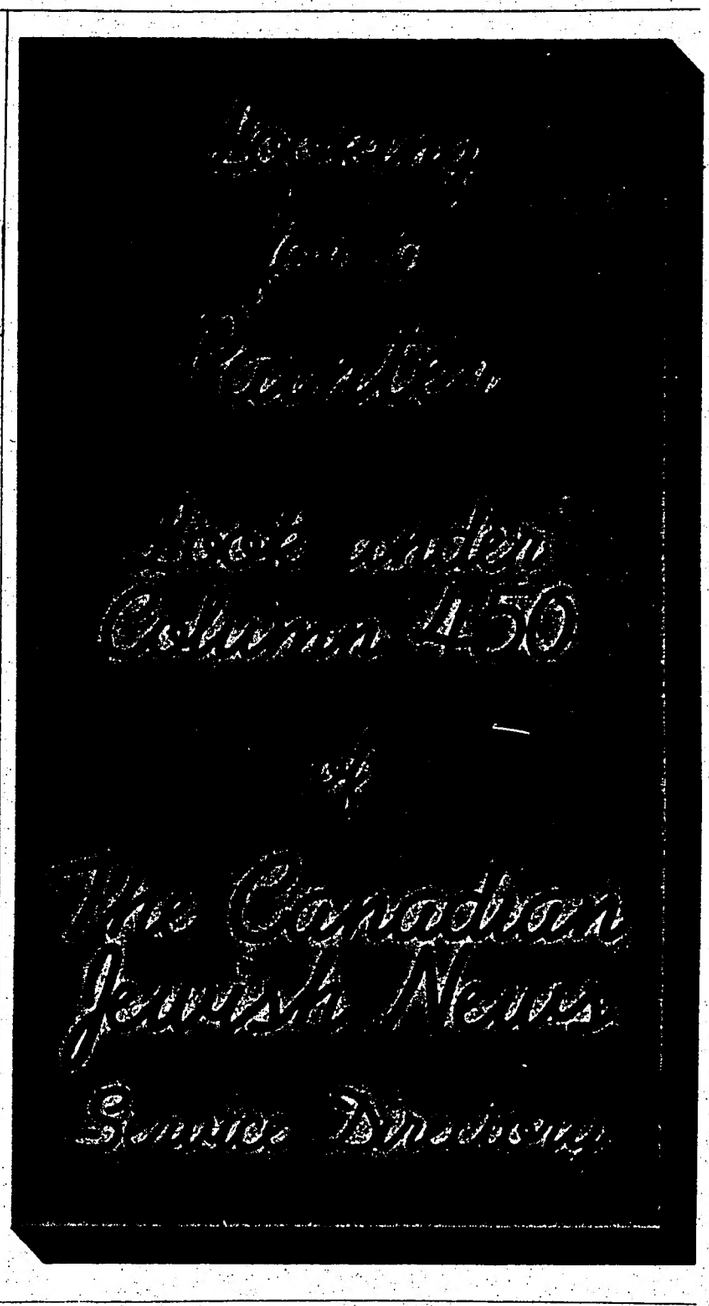


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# Mondi offers options for Fall '93 dressing

By ELAINE COHEN

As we usher in phase two of 1993, Year of the Woman, there is lots to celebrate. More women have assumed impressive posts than ever before. With high profile players like Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court Ruth Bader Ginsburg, nobody will holler "dress" when women wear pants to work.

Mondi's team of international designers adds clout to pant suiting with elegant fall collections. Co-ordinated with jackets, vests, shirts and ties, the apparel boasts a professsional look. The menswear influence is apparent. Pants are fuller and the cut fits perfectly.

"Pants are strong for fall," says Jennifer Elliott, Mondi's director of retail stores. "Some women are hesitant about skirt lengths this fall and so they may opt for pants. Women desiring a change will decide on longer lengths and those who just got used to the short skirt may select it again. Options, that's what Mondi is all about. Women like more than one look."

The European-designed fashions are fully co-ordinated. The Mondi label embraces apparel and accessories, such as scarves, belts, gloves, handbags, shoes, jewelry and fragrances.

According to Elliott, there is more than color to consider when co-ordinating outfits. "Design and fabric also enter the picture." Seated in Mondi's Montreal downtown headquarters, Elliott recalls her pre-Mondi days. "I remember dashing from store to store to co-ordinate an outfit. I was pleased to discover Mondi because everything blends.

"Mondi is known as a color house. Therefore, if everyone focuses on muted beige, we'll feature it and offer a timeless vibrant color as an option. Our loyal following refer to our collections by name."

Among the collectibles currently available are La Presse, La Campagne, Les Stars, Le Bureau and La Panthère.

La Presse, a casual classic collection, is reminiscent of the '30s. Norwegian patterns and newspaper graphics grace vests, sweaters, scarves and blouses. The straight silhouettes are tailored with lots of suiting. Vests can be worn under a jacket or alone over a blouse or sweater.

The classic mix of plain and pinstripe wool blend comes in sand, light grey and anthracite. An added plus is this season's soft touch — Mondi's new lightweight wool sweater.

La Campagne suits those who like a sporty look. Inspired by luxurious winter resorts of the '40s, the grouping comes in shades of pebble and bottle green.

"Manmade fibres hold the shape of a garment, especially at the elbows," says Elliott pointing to a wool blend jacket. Shown with long patterned scarves draped over the shoulders, the sweaters, shirts, jackets and trousers are color co-ordinated with lizard shoes, belts and handbags.

Inspired by the classic British look, Les Stars grouping glows with details, especially pocket flaps, buttons and collars. Fashioned in solid black as well as yellow and black tweed, the jackets accompany Bermudas, trousers, skirts, menswear shirts and turtlenecks. Ties and ascots add flair to the striking collection.

Mondi slated bluejay and anthracite as the cool color scheme for the sophisticated Le Bureau grouping. Clear contours, refined embossing and accessories provide a plethora of mix-and-match choices. A multiplicity of patterns complement each other. Flannels, pinstripes and checks in subtle shades are teamed with complementary fabrics. Chain belts, shoes and handbags fashioned with bark embossing complete the stylish ensembles.

La Panthère refers to Mondi's collection of eyecatching wild animal prints and motifs. Camel and black prevail in the casual urban grouping.

Referred to as "beauty and the beast" this grouping features detailing that includes buttons shaped like panther heads and fake fur trimming. Hues of pale blue highlight the soft camel attire. Blouses in silk or viscose as well as merino wool and mohair knitwear work well with the animal prints and camel coloring.

Tailored in sizes four to 14, the upscale collections are available at Ogilvy and Holt Renfrew (Pointe Claire and Rockland) in Montreal and in Toronto at Hazelton Lanes, Eaton Centre, Bayview Village, Holt Renfrew (Yorkdale and Sherway Gardens) as well as most Holt Renfrew store across Canada.

Portara, another upscale choice under the Mondi banner, is available at Mondi Collection stores in Hazelton Lanes (Toronto) and Ogilvy (Montreal).

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# Distinctive fashions for day and evening

By AMY SATTIN

Jack and Peter's Place is not your average Spadina Avenue wholesaler. Sweaters are neatly folded, blouses are tidily displayed on racks according to color and size, and evening wear hangs in orderly rows along the walls of this basement store. It is an oasis of calm in the otherwise chaotic Garment District.

The owners of this exceptional store, Jack Bendavid and Peter Mezei, believe in offering quality fashions at a good price. They buy seasonal merchandise and ends-of-lines from close to 100 suppliers, carrying labels like Magnolia, Funsport, Voice of Europe and L.L. European. Colorful 100 percent cotton sweaters, perfect for wearing over leggings or stirrups, run $95. Cotton/lycra bodysuits begin at $45. Silk or cotton-blend blouses, in sizes 4 through 44, range from $25 to $55. There are even classic trench coats in blue, red, black and beige for $195. New stock arrives every two to three weeks. "We don't buy garbage," says Jack.

Peter ran the store for 28 years before joining forces with Jack last March. His formula for success is simple. "Treat people right and they'll always come back."

The service couldn't be more attentive. While Peter hands customers clothes to try on, Jack entertains them by imitating Bogey from *Casablanca* (also the city of his birth). "Our customers come back because they know we're doing the best for them," says Peter. "You go to a retail store in a mall and there's no one to serve you. No one cares. But us, we help co-ordinate colors, tell you what looks good and what size you need. We're working for the customer."

While they sell wholesale to stores all over Ontario, Peter says more than 50 percent of their business is in retail. "We offer below wholesale prices. Jack and I get the best deals and pass on the savings to the retail customer." Chimes in Jack, "We get a deal, you get a deal."

Peter made a name for himself in the late '70s and early '80s selling glamorous evening wear by Wayne Clark. Nowadays, he figures women don't want to spend $500 on a dress, and offers and alternative: mix-and-match pieces in velvet, lace and lycra. He is quick to suggest adding an appliquéd sweater or sequin jacket to your wardrobe. "You're usually going around with the same crowd to weddings and bar mitzvahs, so you need to have a different look each time. With three pieces, you can have three different outfits."

When it comes down to it, what makes Jack and Peter's Place so successful is Jack and Peter. Customer service combined with reasonably priced fashions is the formula for survival in any economy, and Jack and Peter know it. "They come here because we give 'em a deal that no one else can," says Jack. "We care."

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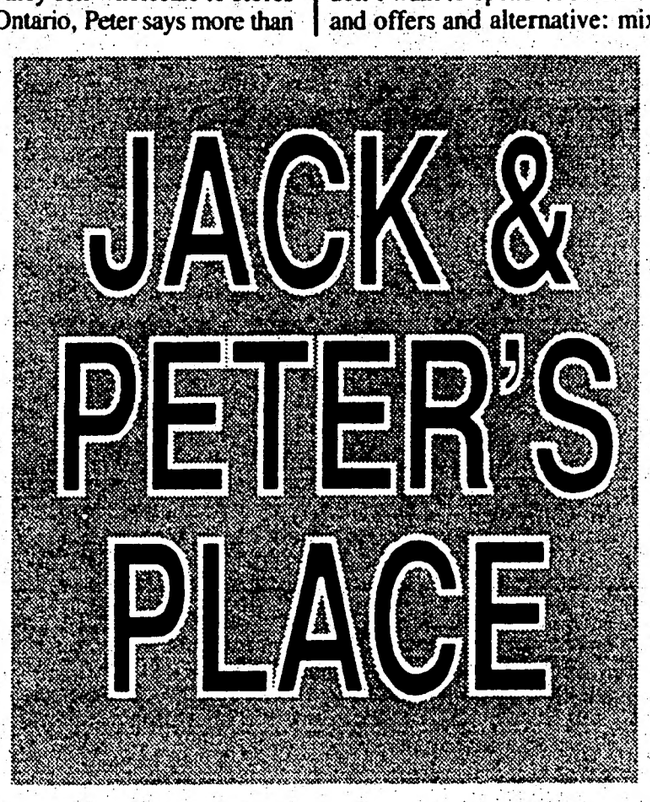

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# Understated elegance

By AMY SATTIN

Toronto designer Natalie Naumchuk doesn't wear her heart on her sleeve, making sure instead that a little bit of it goes into each one worn by her customers.

"I follow my heart in my designs," she says. "I don't flip through magazines and go through other stores to find inspiration. I can see a reflection in a puddle and it'll get me thinking. I just follow my mood."

Naumchuk, 39, has been creating sophisticated, glamorous sportswear under the Coba-Reece label since 1987. The unique and understated pieces are perfect for day-into-evening wear.

The Coba-Reece Fall '93 collection includes 35 outfits for daytime and cocktail wear. Pricing is moderate, with skirts starting at $95, rayon blouses at $85 and up, and wool jackets ranging up to $275.

Using rich woolens and wool crepes in light grey, chocolate brown, olive green and teal, Naumchuk has created two- and three-piece suits with skirt and jacket lengths to flatter every figure. Subtle detailing like fabric rosettes, scalloped hems, cut-out backs and embroidered sleeves underscores the elegance of the designs.

With the exception of a reversed silk jacquared in charcoal grey, Naumchuk prefers to execute her designs in solid fabrics. She says it makes her pieces easier to transform into after-work dressing. "I've found that women don't like anything fancy. They want something they can dress up with jewelry but at the same time wear to work."

For dressier evenings, Coba-Reece offers sexy cocktail wear in burgundy silk moire and beaded black brocade. Halter tops are paired with diaphanous chiffon skirts for a slim silhouette, while palazzo pants are topped with a front-tie jacket for a more tailored look. The jacket can also be worn over a simple sheath dress. Prices for these pieces range from $125 for a fingertip-length jacket, to $375 for a floor-length bustier dress closed by 37 buttons running down the front. All cocktail wear can be dry cleaned.

While she once hid behind her label, pretending to be the mysterious (and fictitious) designer Coba's secretary, Naumchuk is now front-and-centre at her atelier on Roncesvelles Avenue in Toronto's Parkdale. She opened the location in March 1992 after economic woes forced her out of wholesale. "Stores would order, but by the time it came for them to pay their bills, they were gone, victims of the recession. But I like it here in the store. People appreciate you. They say please and thank you."

One reason they are thankful is the ease with which one can order a particular size (she displays only sizes 6 to 12) or color at no extra cost — awkward fits and special fabrics may cost extra. Naumchuk is sensitive to customer demands; a fringed wrap-around woolen skirt from last falls' collection proved to be so popular, she's running it again in red, dark green and black. All her clothes are manufactured in Canada.

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# JODI: classic with a twist

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Classic and tailored with a slight twist is how clothing designer Jodi Weisleder describes her new fall collection.

A firm believer in clothes that last, Weisleder says she concentrates on "classic, elegant clothes that do not quickly go out of style, but ones which still express a fun, spirited exuberance."

A long, slim, buttoned skirt in black and white tweed or oatmeal leather can be worn to the office paired with a white buttoned down, fine cotton shirt with big cuffs and heart shaped cufflinks or out for an evening with a funky, white cotton blouse with wide lapels or a satin-cuffed chiffon blouse.

"Layer on a vest, open some buttons and add a pair of leggings, put on a soft wool jacket — there is no end to what you can do to change your look, without going over your budget," says Weisleder.

She is touching upon the '70s craze but is keeping it low key with such items as a slightly flared palazzo pant that can be layered with vests and blouses.

"I don't believe that my target market is into the heavy-duty '70s look that is really not all that flattering," she says. "Trends should not be expensive because before you know it, they'll be out of date. I like to see items that women can keep in their wardrobe for years. These pieces can always be updated with a bright, cheerful blouse or vest."

Black, black and more black is the mainstay of the Jodi holiday collection, beginning with a beautifully detailed evening gown that Weisleder describes as a slim pillar of velvet. A grouping of microfiber velours has oversize tops, leggings, sarong skirts and pajama pants. Chiffon plazzo pants, ruffled blouses and satin-trimmed pajama pants can all be layered with vests or leggings-anything that creates a statement.

Weisleder has been commissioned by the Canadian Olympic Committee to create the athlete's going-out outfits for the 1994 Winter Games. Red blazers made out of cashmere now on order from Italy will be paired with black pants and black sweaters to create a look that is very Canadian and very Jodi.

Jodi's clothing can be found at such stores as Baires Boutique, Your Choice, Brettons, the Bay, Fred Green and Veril at Harborfront.

**Weisleder, designer of the Jodi collection, believes that timeless, classic fashions can still be fun and spirited.**



By CAROL WISE-RICHMOND

Autumn is the most beautiful time of the year. Blazing leaves, cool mornings and winds blowing are all sure signs that fall has arrived. These changes in nature tell you it's time to alter your carefree ways of the summer months.

Make-up, skin care, hair and clothes are ready for a new you. It is imperative that you start taking care of your skin again because over the summer months we all tend to get lazy.

As beautiful as the summer months are, they can be a mixed blessing. The heat and humidity can cause unwanted clogged pores as well as an abundance of dead cells on the surface of the skin which can alter your skin tone once your tan has disappeared.

A good home facial scrub and a hydrating mask used once a week is essential. A professional facial is a good way to get your skin on the right track. You are only blessed with one skin so my advice is to take a little extra time and make it look like you are proud of it.

Make-up for the fall months will be soft and sultry with lots of earth tones to give you that tawny glow. Brows and lips will be your main focal point.

Foundation that is lightly textured and will still give you coverage is the most effective. Choose a shade that is similar to your natural skin tone or perhaps one or two shades darker.

Some of the most popular eye shadow shades will be dark mocha, chocolate brown, celery and sand.

Silky khol pencils applied close to your lash line will add definition and width to your eye. Black eyeliner used only on your top eyelid will be most dynamic.

Mascara should be thick and lush but definitely not clumped. False eyelashes are terrific as long as you are confident applying them.

Brows are important this season. Choose an eyebrow pencil closest to the shade of your natural brows. Your brows should be thick yet well shaped and lifted.

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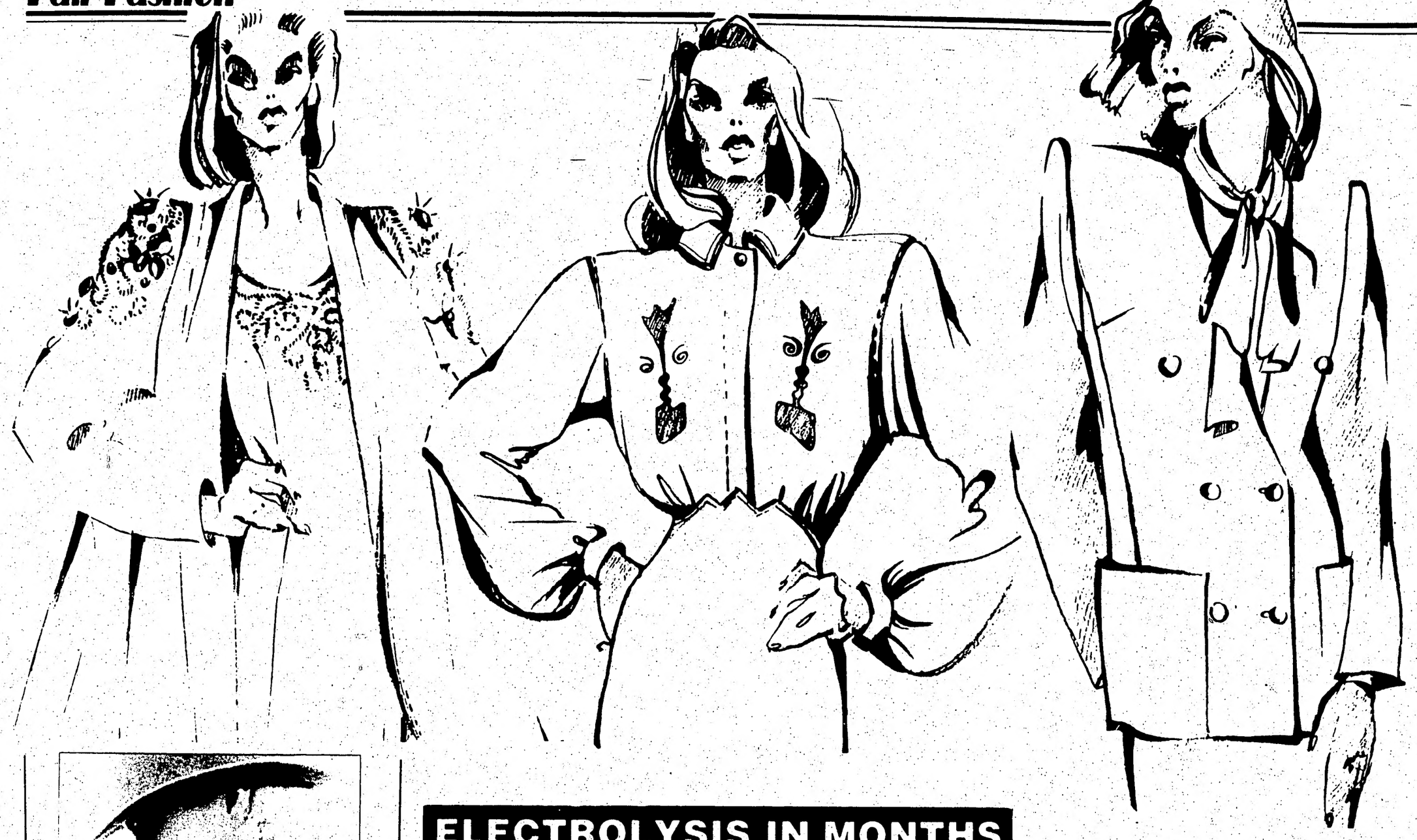

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# Edith Strauss does it again

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK

In an age of fleeting trends and transitions, it is nice to find skillful and talented designers who design for real women. Former Montrealer Edith Strauss is one who has made her mark putting comfort and elegance first.

"Someone told me when I was quite young that when you're comfortable in an outfit, it shows on your face," says Strauss. It is something she never forgot.

A firm believer that women should not render themselves "fashion victims", as she puts it, her much-copied "executive dress" can be worn from daylight to candelight. A change of accessories is all that is required to move from the office to an intimate evening.

If anyone was ever born to a craft, Strauss was. "At the age of 12, I unpicked a dress and used the inside to make a new style from it," she recalls. She produced fashions commercially in Montreal, and in 1969, with the support of husband Norman Strauss, she started her own label in Toronto, selling to every major department store.

Strauss has bult up a prestigious dossier of fashion feats. She was the first Canadian designer to sell to Saks Fifth Avenue. In 1990, she was the recipient of the fashion industry acheivement award for her "innate sense of taste and dedication to business ethics".

Lee-Ann Marquez, sales and marketing representative for Strauss, says, "she has high standards, [and] demands excellence with great craftsmanship." Strauss may not be satisfied with a blouse until its collar is moved an eighth of an inch. That same collar is then double-faced with two layers of material so it sits properly. Blouse appliques are sewn on, not simply glued.

Designing for a range of sizes from 6 to 24, Strauss explains that "what is important for me is that one style can accommodate the perfect figure and the problem figure." Her A-line dress is a perfect example of this.

Fall and winter 1993 trends will build on the executive dress to be featured in brilliant colors since "Canadian women want to wear bright colors in the bleak months," according to Strauss. She teams royal blue, jade, fuchsia and red with black. Solid colored dresses are accented with black diamonds down the front for a flattering look.

For evening, the trend is towards soft separates. Coordinated separates are important and women are given the option of buying a jacket, skirt and blouse that will allow them to mix-and-match the rest of their wardrobe.

As Marquez says, the Strauss customers "don't want theatrics, they want something that's quietly elegant." Strauss' designs are also known for their beautiful handbeading and embroidery done on rich fabric. Buttons that could pass as earrings and patchwork or cut velvet on organza are only a few of the stunning details from Struass' collection. For those who are looking for that extra-special something, Strauss also does haute couture. Edith Strauss fashions can be found in Toronto at Lager's Salon and Salon Femme.

"I don't know what else I could so as well as I do this," says a smiling Strauss. "After spending a lifetime doing it, it becomes second nature."

# Inventive and positive

Simon Chang highlights his new collection with bright jewel tones, red and black and white blocking. Appliques add a whimsical touch.

By ELAINE COHEN

What do Henri Toulouse-Lautrec, Audrey Hepburn, the circus and chairs have in common? Canadian designer Simon Chang highlights them all in his jewel-toned Fall/Holiday Collection.

"Simon is a visual stylist and his collections are reputed for bold colors, graphic images and attenion to detail," says Renée Therrien, director of public relations, as she proudly showcases a glittering array of day, evening, weekend and holiday wear at Chang's Montreal headquarters. While amethyst, emerald, ruby and topaz dominate the scene, the cache includes basic colors.

"Red is Simon's favorite color but he recognizes the importance of black and white because that is where the drama takes root. Simon favours 100 percent fabrics and as you can see he works wonders with blocking and patchwork."

Posters of the innovative stylist surrounded by chairs echo one of his latest themes. Chairs, along with circus appliqués, add a whimsical touch to berets, blouses and jackets. Silk drawstring jackets are printed with artist Toulouse-Lautrec's scenes of café society.

Chang also pays homage to Hepburn with a chic black evening dress adorned with the late film star's famous bow at the nape of the neck. It is one of the many dazzling treasures. In addition, for glamorous soirées, there are ruffled and beaded blouses, dressy evening pants, tuxedo jackets, beaded boleros, elegant ruby and gold brocade suits and Mandarin smoking jackets.

A realist, Chang meets the needs of his Canadian clientele. "The freedom to move at your own rhythm and to build your own personal style. These are the essential elements that I've tried to put into this year's collections," he says. "It's time for a change. It's time to be inventive, creative and positive again."

Women are encouraged to choose their hemline length, pant styling, and jacket tailoring. The new pants are baggier but again the selection varies and the choice is yours. Long skirts slit at the front or the side share the spotlight with short and knee grazing options.

Whether you purchase a Simon Chang cerise spencer jacket or a chocolate brown and cream check cape, there is an extensive range of blouses, scarves, sweaters, skirts and accessories to match. For instance, a hat is an integral component when coordinating High Holiday attire. Shopping for synagogue is simplified with Simon Chang, who styles stunning hats to complete the autumn ensemble.

Lovers of casual attire will appreciate the weekend wear showroom. Described as the "comfort zone with a multi-vitamin fashion boost", the grouping includes cosy cotton leggings, shirts, sweaters and rugby shirts. The gemstone hues add sparkle to the knitted, quilted cotton and grey fleece attire. Chang's circus and chair motifs surface here as well.

Born in the Orient, raised in Vancouver and headquartered in Montreal, Chang is a hands-on designer. He participates in every aspect of the business from developing concepts to buying fabrics in Europe to coordinating production in the Orient and marketing in Canada.

Launched in 1983, Simon Chang Concepts Inc. is headed by Chang and Phyllis Levine. In 1986, they established the Simon Chang Foundation. The charitable arm provides educational scholarships and contributes to AIDS reserach, the Ileitis and Colitis Foundation, the SPCA, food banks and family shelters. "This is their way of giving back to the community," says Therrien.

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## Mizrahi's designs complement women

By DEBBIE HELLER

Isaac Mizrahi has captured and mezmerized both the fashion industry and consumers with his electrifying and eye-opening designs over the past couple of years and his collections just keep getting better.

He has grown from Whiz Kid into an exceptionally talented and gifted designer whose work has been recognized by numerous international awards.

A native of Brooklyn, Mizrahi grew up with a love for acting and piano and a flair for fashion. He credits his father, a children's clothing manufacturer, and stylish mother for encouraging him to be a creator.

At age 13, he began designing clothes for his mother's friends while attending yeshiva, where he was often reprimanded for drawing fashion sketches in his prayer books. The next year he transferred to the High School of Performing Arts to study drama while taking night classes at Parsons School of Design.

After finishing high school in 1979, Mizrahi enrolled in Parsons School of Design fulltime and began his apprenticeship with the man he calls his "guardian angel", Perry Ellis. He worked with Ellis, Jeffrey Banks and Calvin Klein before going on his own with Sarah Haddad-Cheney in 1987.

Why are his designs in such high demand by women all over the world, you ask? The answer is simple. Mizrahi's designs complement women while keeping in mind their everyday needs and lifestyles. The flowing-yet-shapely clothing captures the essence of elegance, sexiness, sophistication, comfort and feminity, all at the same time.

"For Fall 1993, my challenge was to design clothes that address the priorities of a modern woman, yet maintain a spirit of fantasy and romance," Mizrahi says.

The Black Magic grouping features that color in a variety of fabrics. The gossamer wool chiffons, gusty wool burlaps, wool crepes and soft merino wool knits can be worn for both work and a night on the town.

His City Sportswear line is young, sporty and chic, with the majority of the collection consisting of wool tweeds and flannels in brilliant shades of red and black. Shawl details and cascading symmetrical hemlines make for an elegant look.

## Up-to-date styling

While travelling back and forth between New York and Toronto for the last couple of months on business, I stumbled on a line of clothing by designer Karen Kane.

Kane's designs are all about comfort and style, and are becoming well recognized by the fashion industry, retailers and female consumers all over the world.

This young woman has a clear vision of what women in the '90s want: up-to-date style without breaking the bank.

Kane's designs are very much inspired by her own lifestyle. She's a working mom who has very little time to shop and knows exactly who her customer is — the woman she sees in the mirror every morning while getting dressed.

### Reasonable pricing

She takes pride in creating beautifully tailored blouses, body suits, skirts, pants, jeans, blazers and jackets that complement women.

"Karen Kane has an incredible ability to capture and selectively choose styles as well as translate them into wearable clothing," says Ann Magnin of Kane's New York office. "She will add some ornaments to her designs like embroidery or beading, only when she thinks that it's appropriate for a specific garment."

Her designs consist of three significant elements — they're simple, beautiful and comfortable to wear.

The colors may change depending on the season but prints are definitely one of her trademarks.

"She's also inspired by works of art and their artists, for example, Matisse and his color palette," says Magnin. "Sometimes she'll use floral designs or southwest patterns, but it's extremely important that the patterns she chooses are able to mix back with solids all-year round."

Kane specializes in creating styles that allow you to build your wardrobe from one season to the next. The colors and patterns blend together for a gradual transition.

Part of Kane and husband Lonnie's philosophy since starting their company in 1979 is reasonable pricing for quality merchandise. Almost every piece in her collection retails for under $250 (U.S.), with the most expensive items being jackets and blazers. The majority of the pieces range between $70 to $180 (Cdn).

Magnin says "the groups are very tight and well edited. The selection is not [meant] to overwhelm you with choices but to make your dressing decision easy and quick."

Kane's sportswear collection recognizes the '90s dress code in the work place. The group consists of co-ordinated, softly-tailored separates that can be mixed and matched in no time.

Tailored jackets take their cue from the military. They are available in a variety of patterned fabrics, including baroque tapestry and shadowbox plaid. Some of her fall jackets and blazers are accented with black velvet.

The idea for her Lifestyle collection came about when she went into her closet after her second son was born. Even though she had many choices she had a hard time finding that one element that would pull everything together in the morning.

This fall's collection includes a lot of men's wear-inspired fabrics such as tweeds, herring bone and blanket plaids. Velvet is also a popular fabric. Pair these pieces with a poet's blouse for a romantic look, or wear them with denim. Skirts are both long and short and include a wrap-around. Vests and bodysuits complement are basic pieces.

Most of the fabrics are natural: silk, rayon, wool, cotton and leather. Lycra is added to cotton only to provide shape to the garment.

The Easy Wear line is a group of knits designed for weekend wear. There's also a holiday and resort collection which includes black and jewel-tone velvets.

One hot item to look for is an Aztec-patterned fleece drawstring anorak in soft jewel tones of green, off-white and rose.

Karen Kane's clothing can be found in better women's stores across Canada, including Gastis Boutique at the Inn On The Park in Toronto.

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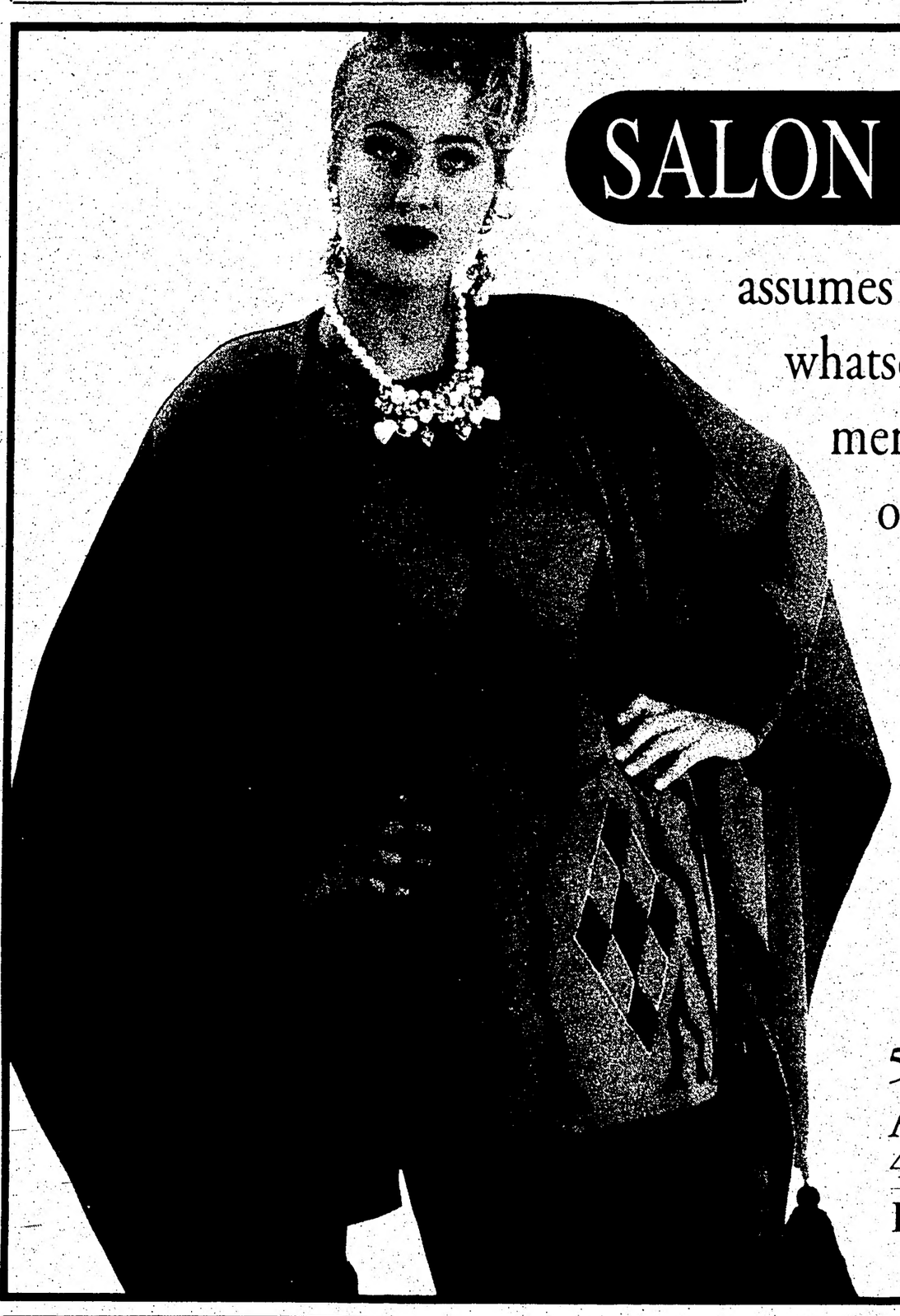

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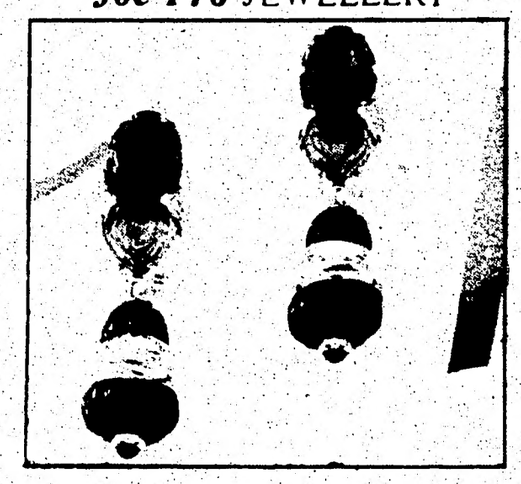

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# Fun, funky toddler togs

By DEBBIE HELLER

Natalie & Friends has captured what's new, hot and exciting in children's clothing.

The clothes are filled with creative patterns, colors and artistic designs, that reflect what children are — the true beauty of life.

"Everything makes me chuckle," says Natalie Mayer, owner of Natalie & Friends. She describes the various lines she distributes as "being just on the cutting edge."

In a world where children's clothing has become expensive to buy, combined with the fact that there are many people who are having a hard time making ends meet, price has become a main influence on what parents will actually purchase.

"Parents are looking for two things," states Mayer, "durable, quality clothing that children can play in."

Mayer is very selective of her designers. Each line has its own identity, yet there's a common link which allows you to playfully combine the different outfits as separates.

The collection she has built includes Kishkoosh for booties and gym shoes; Loli of Vermont; Modern Amusement, known for their vintage clothing with a modern twist; Suss Design, designer for *The Cosby Show* and soap operas in New York; and Sarah Rose Knitwear.

"Children are extensions of ourselves, and it's important to make kids smile and feel good about themselves," says Mayer.

The shades you'll see this fall are bright and rich earthy colors. Where style is concerned, she distributes everything from baby's knit coordinates to hats, sweaters and matching pants.

Clothing for toddlers and young children consists of creative, funky styles that include velour dresses, bell bottom pants and frilly-collared oversized blouses, colorfully patterned jumpsuits, sportswear, vests and pants.

This fall you can expect to see a lot of velours, plaids, Western designs, sequins and rhinestones.

You can find Natalie & Friends clothing at Neiman Marcus, Saks 5th Avenue and I Magnin, or in Canadian specialty stores like Oink Oink in Montreal or Kidding Around.

Jacadi has something for everyone from infants and children to mothers-to-be with up-to-the minute fashions and accessories.

# One-stop baby shop

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Classic European co-ordinates at a mid-range price point is the mandate of Jacadi, a one-stop boutique for everyone from the mother-to-be to her 12-year-old child.

From maternity wear designed by Veronique Delachaux to the Cabriolet Voyager, a pram that converts into a pushchair, Jacadi, with 400 stores worldwide and four in Canada, carries everything a new parent needs, plus much more.

Owner Glenda Webb, who shopped for her own children at Jacadi in Europe before opening the store here almost a year ago, says she specializes in co-ordinated outfits from head to toe.

"We vary the themes from season to season but the color of the fabrics never change so pieces can be mixed and matched from year to year. As a parent, I realize that when you buy items, you want them to last."

A traditional look with today's flare is how Webb describes her line. "When you buy somthing from Jacadi, you know it will last for as long as you need it. Everything from the clothing to the furniture is made with the utmost care and attention and every piece is classic so it will never go out of style. It is the little details that give out line the up-to-the minute look."

Red and blue geese are a popular theme this season and pop up on a variety of items such as the red smock dress, a chambray blouse, a flanelette cardigan, stitched denim dungarees, a parka and accessories like socks, bootees, shoes and headbands.

Particularly classic is the grey theme. Boys aged 4 to 14 will shine in the polo shirt worn under a diamond patterned pullover and co-ordinated with grey flannel trousers. Girls from 2 to 10 are sure to look elegant in a pinafore dress and striped blouse.

Other fall/winter themes include little flowers, squirrels, and boys' and girls' sweatshirts, quilted jackets, a parka with a faux fur-lined hood, derby shoes and bootees for children from 24 to 30 months.

Maternity clothes at Jacadi are a study in elegance and ease of wear. Ribbed knit, long skirts, tunics, slim-fitting trousers and vests will take the mother-to-be everywhere she has to go.

As important as outfitting the child and mother-to-be is outfitting the home, and Jacadi is in the forefront with top-quality bedding, furniture, strollers and bath and feeding time equipment. The Lyrique collection, which offers baby an attractive, safe environment, includes a glossy finished rattan Moses basket; a white glossy crib with sliding side panel, adjustable mattress base and optional drawer; a three-drawer dresser with an optional changing board; and a rattan bench.

Bedding is resplendant with cotton bumper pads, fitted sheets, an eiderdown and a duvet cover. At bathtime, baby will snuggle comfortably into 100 percent cotton bath towels or a cuddle-and-dry robe. Accessories include a bath cape, cotton sponge bath thermometer and a washing glove.

Webb says she is happy to help parents choose the proper equipment for their baby as well as decorate baby's room.

"In my consultation I can help with drapes, carpeting, furniture, decorations — anything parents need. It is all part of our desire to be a truly one-stop parenting shop."

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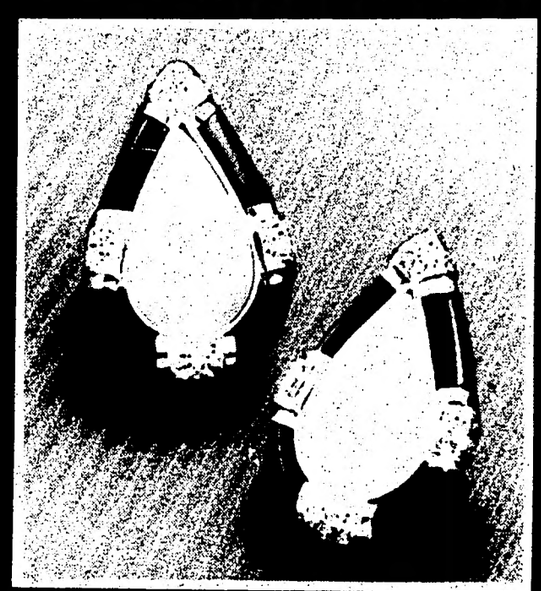

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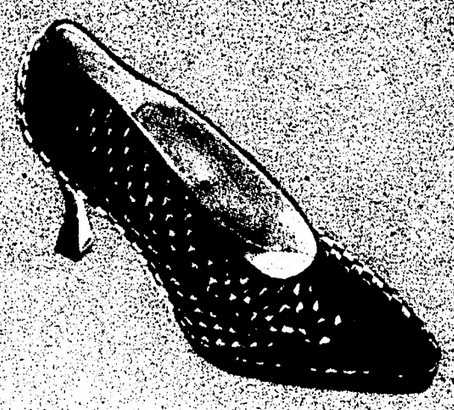

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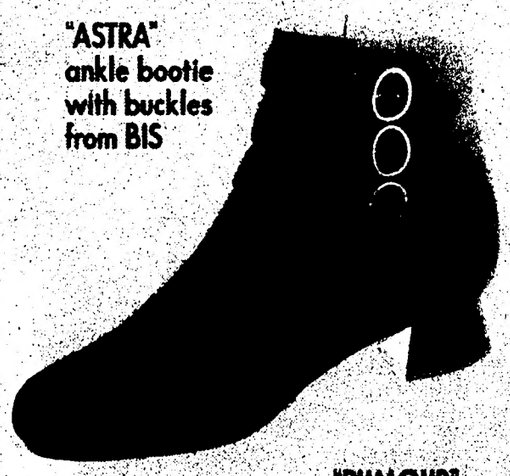

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